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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, in the General Department,—dated Pachmarhi, the 18th July 1894.

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Letter from the Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court, No. 995, dated the 3rd April 1894, submitting the Judicial Commissioner's Report on the administration of Civil Justice during the year 1893.

READ ALSO—

The District and Divisional Reports.

RESOLUTION.

The number of Civil Courts open at the close of 1893 was 206, being an increase of 3 on the corresponding number for 1892. This is also the number of new Civil Courts actually established, as during the year Civil Judges were appointed at Chhindwara, Damoh and Seoni, thereby affording much needed relief to the Deputy Commissioners of those districts. Other apparent additions or reductions in Civil Courts merely represent the transfer of civil judicial work from one member of the district staff to another or the grant of powers to officers who did not before possess them. In paragraph 4 of the Resolution reviewing last year's Report, allusion was made to the pressure of work in the Courts of the Judicial Assistants to Commissioners. This has still to be noted, and it is a matter of regret to the Chief Commissioner that, owing to administrative and financial exigencies, he has been unable as yet to avail himself of the sanction received from the Government of India at the close of last year to the appointment of a third officer in this capacity. The measure, he hopes, will not be long delayed. Many of the district reports complain of repeated transfers of officers. The inconvenience so caused is general to the whole Administration, and the Chief Commissioner has reason to believe that it will be less frequently necessitated during the current year.

2. The number of suits instituted and re-instituted rose from 101,498 in 1892 to 103,438 in the year under report. There thus appears to have set in a recovery from the decline in civil litigation, which continued from 1886, when the number of institutions amounted to 112,965, to 1891, when it had fallen to 95,249. The Chief Commissioner doubts whether there is much advantage in attempting an annual explanation of the increases or decreases of civil litigation It is affected primarily by causes that act slowly and gradually—the increase of population, the development of the country, the extension of railways and communications, the growth of trade, the multiplication of factories and industries. There are also drifts of social movement that so operate, sometimes over long, sometimes over short periods of years, such as are the transfer of landed property to money-lending classes or the disuse by the people of antiquated agencies of violence or superstition for the recovery of debts. These more or less permanent factors are supplemented and intersected by temporary and local influences —the state of the harvests, changes in the course of trade, a revision of settlements, and even the personal qualities of judges. The first of these is no doubt the main cause operating to produce sudden fluctuations. But it is, as a rule, as the Judicial Commissioner remarks, hardly possible to work out the influence

of one particular harvest on one particular calendar year. A failure of crops increases indebtedness and ultimately the number of civil suits. But the seasons that lead to new debts are bad for the recovery of old ones, and the effects of the harvests on the season's crop of litigation are often more intricate than appears upon the surface.

3. The classification of suits by values has varied but slightly. The decrease in suits of value less than Rs. 10, noticed last year, still continues. Suits the value of which cannot be estimated have decreased from 173 to 134—not increased as remarked in the Report. The classification of suits by description varies but little under the main heads, but shows very marked changes in the sub-heads. The explanation of some of these is given in paragraph 7 of the Report. The decrease in suits for money and moveable property in the Narsinghpur District, it may be remarked, is 20, not 63 per cent. There has been a change in the form of classification introduced during the year, the number of sub-heads being reduced from 35 to 18, and all such alterations make it necessary to allow very largely for mistakes and differences of practice in classification. The Chief Commissioner would be glad if Commissioners and Judicial Assistants, when inspecting the registers of Subordinate Courts, would see that attention is paid to uniformity and accuracy of classification.

4. The number of suits disposed of by Naib-Tahsildars rose from 29,845 in 1892 to 34,093 in 1893 and the number by Tahsildars from 19,324 to 21,764, while the number disposed of by Munsiffs fell from 26,989 to 24,504. This is not explained in the Report, but it is unsatisfactory to find that purely Judicial Officers did less work, while more was thrown on to Tahsildars and their Naibs, whose executive, revenue and criminal work, as it is, seriously suffers in many cases from the press of civil judicial work. The Chief Commissioner hopes to be able to afford relief to some of the Tahsildars who are most overburdened with civil litigation. The reverse has taken place in the superior grades, Civil Judges having disposed of 1,101 suits against 656 in 1892, while Assistant Commissioners tried only 11,670 against 12,421 in the previous year. Deputy Commissioners' original civil work fell from 66 suits in 1892 to 43 in 1893, of which all but 10 were tried in Balaghat. The Deputy Commissioner of this district also disposed of the highest number of appeals, 262. The Assistant Commissioner's work is also heavy; the Chief Commissioner has recently arranged to relieve this district by the deputation of a second Assistant. The Chief Commissioner observes from paragraph 14 of the Report that some Deputy Commissioners did less appellate work than the Judicial Commissioner thinks necessary, and in two of these cases, Saugor and Bhandara, the same omission was commented on last year. In last year's Report it was remarked that as long as Deputy Commissioners were responsible for the civil judicial work of their districts, they should keep themselves informed of the conduct by their subordinates of this part of their duties by hearing a certain number of civil appeals. This is the system at once the most economical of time and the most efficacious for supervision. Where Deputy Commissioners fail to hear an adequate number of appeals, the inference the Chief Commissioner must draw is that they do not properly control the civil judicial administration of their districts.

5. The disposal of suits results in practically the same proportions as in the previous year. The average duration of suits stands at 69·4 days in contested

and 40·3 in uncontested cases, as against 65·7 and 38·2 respectively in 1892. There is, however, an improvement in regard to the number of hearings, which, as the Judicial Commissioner very truly remarks, is more important than the length of durations. The figures are 3·1 in contested and 1·6 in uncontested cases, against 3·5 and 1·8 respectively in the previous year. The Chief Commissioner desires the particular attention of all Civil Officers to the very plain and practical instructions of the Judicial Commissioner in paragraph 11 of his Report, and trusts that Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners will give this matter their special attention in their inspections of their Assistants' work.

6. The number of applications for execution of decrees was 95,680 against 90,930 in 1892; 45,084 are shown as infructuous, but the Report explains that this figure includes merely formal applications and a large number of executions privately settled. The amount realised rose from Rs. 13,10,715 in 1892 to Rs. 13,82,596 in 1893, a material improvement, but the Chief Commissioner hopes the figure may be largely increased during the current year. The process-serving establishment has been remodelled, and, most promising reform of all, it has been placed, wherever practicable, in charge of a specified Assistant. It is a trite remark that a plaintiff's real difficulties begin when he has won his decree, and the Chief Commissioner earnestly trusts, for the credit of the Courts, that the active and prompt recovery of the dues decreed will receive the sustained attention of the officers in charge. The fees levied and charges incurred for the execution of processes rose from Rs. 2,33,164 and Rs. 87,069 respectively in 1892 to Rs. 2,42,447 and Rs. 91,406 in 1893; in other words a fifth of the sums recovered was expended in fees, and the Chief Commissioner will be glad if the Judicial Commissioner will consider whether the experience of the last few years justifies some reduction in the scale of fees for processes. The process-serving establishment, as has been mentioned, was reorganized during the year under report, with effect from the 1st April. There are now four grades of process-servers on pay of Rs. 10, 9, 8 and 7 respectively, instead of three on pay of Rs. 10, 8 and 6, as formerly. The 1st grade process-servers are employed to check the work of the others. The great majority of Deputy Commissioners report favourably of this measure, which has already had the effect of bringing to light many of the irregularities which, it is to be feared, have been prevalent in the past.

7. The Chief Commissioner desires to express his hearty thanks to the Judicial Commissioner for the effective control he has exercised over the working of the Courts and the skilful guidance he has at all times given to the administration of justice. His acknowledgments are also due to the officers whose work is mentioned with approval in paragraph 17 of the Report.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution (with the usual number of spare copies) be submitted to the Government of India in the Home Department, and that a copy be forwarded to the Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court, for the information of the Judicial Commissioner; also, that it be published in the Supplement to the *Central Provinces Gazette*, and that copies, bound with the Report, be distributed as usual.

[True Extract.]

A. L. SAUNDERS,

Second Secretary.

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FROM

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REGISTRAR, JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S COURT,

Central Provinces,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

Central Provinces.

Dated Nagpur, the 3rd April 1894.

SIR,

I am directed to submit the Report on the Administration of Civil Justice in the Central Provinces for the year 1893, with the District and Divisional Reports.

A.—TRIBUNALS.

2. The number of Courts open at the close of 1893 was 206, being 3 more than at the beginning of the year. Three new Courts were created, *viz.*, at Chhindwara, Damoh and Seoni; where the staff was strengthened by the addition of a Civil Judge. The Court of the Tahsildar at Pendra, in the Bilaspur District, was abolished; and those of the Naib-Tahsildars at Umrer (Nagpur District) and Warora (Chanda District) were closed as there was not enough civil work to keep them employed. An extra Naib-Tahsildar's Court was established in the Hoshangabad District. The number of Courts of Assistant Commissioner was increased by one at Nagpur, Wardha and Narsinghpur, while there was one such Court less at Saugor. Four Honorary Judges' Courts were open during the year, namely, those of Lal Brijraj Singh (appointed during the year), Raja Raghu Keshore Deo, Rao Sahib Balwant Rao Bhuskutte of Burhanpur, and Rao Bahadur Yado Rao of Bhandara. One or two districts appear to have suffered from frequent changes of officers. These changes, though they may be unavoidable, are to be regretted because they cause great delay in the disposal of judicial work.

	1892	1893
Court of the Judicial Commissioner ..	1	1
Do. Commissioner ..	4	4
Do Judicial Assistant to Commissioner ..	4	4
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Do Civil Judge	13	16
Do Assistant Commissioner .	39	41
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Total ..	203	206

3. The strength of the Bar increased by seven during 1893. At the end of the year it consisted of 27 Advocates (of whom 20 are Barristers) and 142 Pleaders, distributed as follows:—

Nagpur	... 46	Burhanpur	... 2	Mandla	... 1
Bhandara	... 10	Jubbulpore	... 18	Narsinghpur	... 11
Chanda	... 3	Saugor	... 13	Chhindwara	... 2
Wardha	... 12	Damoh	... 4	Betul	... 2
Arvi	... 1	Hoshangabad	13	Raipur	... 8
Balaghat	... 4	Harda	... 5	Sambalpur	... 3
Khandwa	.. 5	Seoni	... 2	Bilaspur	... 4

At the examination of local candidates for admission as pleaders, held at Nagpur in November last, five candidates were successful. In future this examination is to be held every March, as it has been found inconvenient to hold it at the same time as the Calcutta and Allahabad University B. L. Examinations, because candidates who take these degrees have to wait a whole year before they can appear for the examination in local laws, which they are required to pass before they can be enrolled as pleaders.

A Provincial Bar Association was formed in September last. A Bar Association was likewise started in Saugor during the year under report, in order to check the growing evil of the employment of *dallals* or touts. With regard to the Bar, generally, the remarks which were made in last year's report still hold good. In far too many cases trials are spun out, because pleaders ask for and obtain unnecessary adjournments and waste time with unnecessary harangues and arguments because ignorant clients are apt to take for forensic skill a loud voice, a fiery manner and voluble speech.

B.--Extent and Character of Litigation.

I.—*Number of Suits.*

4. Of the following two tables (overleaf), Table A shows the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each district of the Provinces for each year from 1862 to date; Table B gives the same statistics for the last 5 years for each place where one or more Civil Courts are established.

5. There has been a very slight increase in the number of suits instituted, as compared with 1892.

Practically the number of institutions at Chanda, Seoni and Betul has remained unchanged. There has been a very slight increase at Hoshangabad, Balaghat and Raipur, and a slight decrease at Bhandara and Chhindwara. The increase at Nagpur, Wardha, Damoh and Sambalpur is considerable; so also is the decrease at Saugor, Narsinghpur and Nimar.

The largest differences have been at Mandla and Bilaspur, where there has been an increase of 14 and 25 per cent. respectively. There has been a marked falling off in the number of institutions at Jubbulpore, the decrease being nearly 17 per cent. on last year's figures.

Taking the figures by divisions it will be found that institutions in the Nagpur and Chhattisgarh Divisions have increased 5 and 13 per cent., respectively; while the figures show a decrease of 6 per cent. in the Jubbulpore Division and of 3 per cent. in the Nerbudda Division.

The Deputy Commissioner, Bilaspur, explains that the increase in his district is due to the fact that last year the epidemic of cholera was raging while this year it has disappeared altogether. This explanation is not quite satisfactory, for the figures of Table A show that the number of institutions in 1890, 1891 and 1892 varied very slightly indeed, being 5,766, 5,609 and 5,587, respectively; while in the year under report they reached 7,003. The increase at Mandla is mainly in the Naib-Tahsildar's Court, and the Deputy Commissioner, Mandla, attributes it to three causes, *viz.*, the fact that there was a change in the Judge of the Naib-Tahsildar's Court, the bad *rabi* harvest, and lastly to the fact that the Punjabi cloth-dealers (who hitherto had resorted to oppression

in order to obtain their dues) now have more recourse to the Civil Court. It is not easy to judge of the reality of two of these alleged causes. Regarding the third the Deputy Commissioner might have been more explicit and given statistics.

The decrease at Jubbulpore is attributed by the Deputy Commissioner to the general failure of the crops owing to the heavy rainfall of last year.

The Deputy Commissioner of Nagpur explains the increase in his district by the indifferent wheat crop of 1893, which led to an increase in the number of suits for arrears of rent. The increase at Sambalpur would seem to be, as the Deputy Commissioner says, due to the increased activity of trade caused by the opening of the Sambalpur Railway extension.

As the Judicial Assistant, Nagpur and Chhattisgarh Divisions, says, it is practically useless to endeavour to explain figures which must naturally fluctuate from year to year; the statistics of any particular year cannot be *directly* affected by the agricultural outturn of that year only A bad year connotes an increase of debts and may be expected to show a decrease of litigation because creditors will not as a rule waste their money in getting decrees which cannot be enforced. A good year, following on a succession of bad years, ought for similar reasons to show an increase of litigation, which would again fall off in a succession of good years as debts are liquidated. An increase or decrease of litigation may occasionally be satisfactorily explained, but explanations which are confined to the harvests of the year under review, are almost worthless.

TABLE

Showing the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in

Years.	Nagpur.				Chanda.	Bhandara	Wardha.	Balaghat.	Jubbulpore.				Saugor.		
	District.	City Small Cause Court	Cantonment Small Cause Court, Kamptee.	Total					District.	City Small Cause Court.	Cantonment Small Cause Court.	Total.	District.	Cantonment Small Cause Court.	Total.
1862 --	3,349	1,622	1,602	6,583	667	1,750	658	..	1,619	315	504	2,438	2,313	601	2,914
1863 --	3,020	1,436	2,338	6,794	687	1,634	592	..	1,385	1,321	686	3,392	2,380	572	2,952
1864 --	2,647	1,622	1,706	6,045	716	1,692	490	..	1,230	1,683	612	3,525	2,109	1,161	3,270
1865 --	2,974	1,288	806	5,068	649	2,076*	927	..	1,734	1,789	455	3,928	2,741	709	3,450
1866 --	3,386	2,320	1,017	6,623	1,021	2,420	1,216	..	1,405	1,636	481	3,522	2,988	720	3,708
1867 --	3,390	3,289	1,323	8,002	1,219	2,934	1,693	303	1,685	1,662	296	3,643	2,724	389	3,113
1868 --	4,566	4,060	2,083	10,709	1,636	2,798	3,057	810	1,699	2,052	541	4,292	3,612	559	4,171
1869 --	4,529	4,415	3,454	13,398	2,006	2,814	3,724	925	1,441	1,984	514	3,939	4,052	835	4,887
1870 --	5,648	4,880	3,407	13,935	2,587	3,596	4,277	727	1,725	2,435	445	4,605	4,003	692	4,695
1871 --	6,761	5,300	2,594	14,661	2,937	3,597	6,169	1,236	2,278	2,499	463	5,240	3,132	699	3,831
1872 --	6,060	5,061	2,779	13,900	2,077	3,122	5,485	969	2,313	2,400	511	5,224	2,652	672	3,324
1873 --	6,315	5,700	2,428	14,452	2,161	2,663	6,061	1,191	1,985	2,254	437	4,676	2,979	432	3,411
1874 --	6,904	6,104	2,837	15,845	2,039	2,707	6,839	1,319	2,106	2,493	445	5,044	3,328	302	3,630
1875 --	7,310	5,993	2,885	16,188	2,235	2,812	7,061	1,508	2,012	2,278	421	4,711	3,381	281	3,662
1876 --	9,152	7,465	2,830	19,447	3,175	3,190	7,159	1,584	2,205	2,037	430	4,672	3,719	399	4,018
1877 --	10,244	7,401	3,189	20,834	3,085	3,684	6,400	1,795	2,015	2,219	456	5,290	4,190	300	4,490
1878 --	9,105	8,301	3,493	20,899	2,754	3,074	4,549	2,300	2,427	2,508	454	5,389	3,810	297	4,107
1879 --	10,411	7,844	2,939	21,194	3,175	3,668	5,641	1,339	2,690	2,801	553	6,044	3,284	190	3,474
1880 --	10,900	8,402	2,511	21,813	3,768	4,541	6,591	1,446	2,790	2,064	399	5,353	3,241	223	3,464
1881 --	9,881	7,668	1,990	19,539	4,002	4,817	6,849	1,798	3,039	2,696	262	5,997	3,110	155	3,265
1882 --	9,731	6,758	1,931	18,420	4,689	6,029	8,317	1,923	3,024	2,760	341	6,125	3,211	167	3,378
1883 --	9,221	5,622	1,943	16,786	3,900	5,099	6,818	2,014	2,913	2,628	324	5,865	4,161	194	4,355
1884 --	10,621	5,758	1,999	18,378	5,156	6,590	7,540	2,762	3,704	2,945	461	7,110	4,335	144	4,479
1885 --	11,126	6,662	1,799	19,587	4,796	6,067	8,918	2,768	4,372	2,906	497	7,775	5,037	148	5,185
1886 --	11,695	7,926	1,966	21,587	5,107	5,893	8,565	2,509	4,651	3,382	520	8,553	4,981	214	5,195
1887 --	11,950	7,475	2,181	21,606	5,097	6,582	7,645	8,128	4,313	3,195	454	7,993	5,256	146	5,402
1888 --	11,254	6,725	2,065	20,044	5,489	6,824	7,392	3,019	4,211	3,104	547	7,862	5,257	314	5,571
1889 --	10,393	5,992	2,116	18,501	4,756	7,446	6,998	2,831	3,703	2,838	608	7,149	5,358	251	5,609
1890 --	10,329	5,213	2,083	17,625	4,667	6,788	6,812	2,830	4,014	2,929	484	7,427	5,674	236	5,910
1891 --	8,858	4,816	1,894	15,578	4,120	5,592	7,003	2,618	3,733	2,581	420	6,734	6,516	135	6,651
1892 --	8,797	6,274	2,065	17,136	4,555	6,632	7,464	2,618	4,165	2,354	387	6,906	6,759	138	6,897
1893 --	10,230	6,311	1,876	18,417	4,629	6,307	8,367	2,760	3,667	1,750	329	5,746	6,082	144	6,226
Grades and number of Courts at the close of 1893.															
Court of the Judicial Commissioner --				1	--	--	--	--				--			--
Court of the Commissioner --				1	--	--	--	--				1			--
Courts of Judicial Assistants to the Commissioners --				1	--	--	--	--				1			--
Courts of the Deputy Commissioner --				1	1	1	1	1				1			1
Courts of Civil Judges --				1	1	1	1	--				1			1
Courts of the Assistant Commissioner --				4	2	3	3	1				3			2
Courts of the Tahsildar --				4	4	3	3	2				3			4
Courts of the Munsiff (Additional Tahsildar) --				4	1	2	3	1				1			1
Courts of the Naib-Tahsildar --				2	4	3	3	1				3			4
Small Cause Courts and Registrars --				4	--	--	--	--				2			1
TOTAL --				23	13	13	14	6				16			14

* Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division.
† Includes three suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
‡ Includes one suit instituted in do. do. do.
§ Includes seven suits instituted in do. do. do.

A.

each District of the Central Provinces from 1862 to 1893.

Seoni.	Damoh.	Mandla.	Hoshangabad.	Betul.	Nimar. District.	Nimar. Cantonment Small Cause Court, Asirgarh.	Nimar. Total.	Narsinghpur.	Chhindwara.	Raipur.	Bilaspur.	Sambalpur.	Upper Godavari.	Grand Total.
806	760	369	2,016	1,058	--	--	--	2,121	705	1,326	163	345	7	24,666
973	729	201	2,202	1,142	--	--	--	2,691	1,038	820	222	201	35	26,305
1,280	859	354	3,183	1,288	4,398	--	4,398	2,542	870	1,221	707	275	42	32,697
1,343	1,377	563	5,887	1,156	3,354	--	3,354	3,558	1,303	1,573	1,781	695	66	39,254
1,185	1,289	421	5,279	1,194	7,561	--	7,561	3,416	1,345	1,379	2,896	594	163	45,250
1,263	1,709	380	5,427	1,979	5,541	27	5,568	3,272	1,990	1,406	3,762	592	89	48,544
1,394	1,631	401	5,494	2,732	6,508	244	6,752	4,125	2,770	1,659	3,466	538	125	58,558
1,387	1,760	528	5,068	2,351	7,854	293	8,147	4,535	3,340	1,982	1,298	686	159	63,137
2,185	1,693	656	6,750	2,702	7,689	165	7,854	5,657	4,027	3,123	1,866	959	289	72,183
2,619	1,783	569	6,695	3,207	8,551	118	8,669	6,385	3,616	3,194	2,381	1,112	286	78,088
1,904	1,343	670	7,219	3,249	9,572	174	9,746	5,593	3,537	2,641	2,561	1,087	277	73,955
1,692	2,060	661	7,918	3,278	7,808	147	7,955	6,369	3,633	2,657	2,081	1,427	252	74,594
1,450	1,744	690	7,522	2,983	7,480	90	7,570	6,265	3,729	3,662	2,085	1,337	279	76,639
1,863	1,541	630	7,027	3,225	8,202	62	8,270	5,750	4,464	3,358	2,043	1,354	169	78,777
1,666	1,477	624	3,331	3,390	8,454	84	8,538	4,967	4,391	4,838	2,885	1,812	108	86,265
1,841	1,940	772	8,344	3,210	7,469	97	7,566	5,146	3,969	5,326	2,868	1,784	137	88,484
1,815	1,500	557	7,175	2,510	6,436	57	6,493	4,351	3,200	4,790	2,576	1,738	--	79,783
2,345	1,640	847	8,372	3,268	7,674	69	7,743	4,604	3,429	5,774	2,481	2,833	--	87,802
2,364	1,751	646	7,082	3,069	7,736	66	7,802	4,568	3,844	6,332	3,552	2,893	--	91,379
2,019	1,940	650	7,213	2,556	7,479	34	7,513	4,722	3,646	6,426	4,005	2,946	--	89,903
1,626	1,894	803	7,449	2,949	6,870	39	6,909	5,308	3,623	6,018	3,780	3,408	--	92,648
1,832	2,339	958	7,587	2,238	6,960	22	6,982	5,528	3,696	5,922	3,714	3,847	--	89,470
2,617	2,034	936	7,575	2,730	7,982	40	8,024	5,639	4,051	7,454	4,353	4,365	--	101,193
2,429	2,426	1,265	8,032	2,987	7,386	24	7,410	6,155	4,155	6,590	4,498	3,840	--	*104,904
3,034	2,845	1,591	8,162	3,019	7,433	37	7,470	6,418	4,864	8,373	5,789	3,988	--	†112,965
2,838	2,805	1,773	7,636	2,823	7,937	37	7,974	6,538	4,230	8,390	5,803	3,592	--	‡111,855
2,836	3,303	1,305	7,614	2,761	7,078	17	7,095	6,727	4,031	7,856	6,377	4,366	--	§110,479
2,918	3,513	1,200	6,813	2,609	6,297	29	6,326	5,861	3,718	6,406	4,656	3,023	--	¶100,330
3,297	3,337	1,181	7,951	2,534	6,020	--	6,020	5,824	3,049	8,374	5,766	3,509	--	**102,908
2,917	2,774	1,164	7,918	2,590	5,870	--	5,870	5,555	3,011	5,256	5,609	3,290	--	††95,249
2,986	2,926	1,120	7,827	2,546	6,910	--	6,910	5,866	3,399	6,841	5,587	3,265	--	‡‡101,498
2,984	3,239	1,294	8,261	2,637	6,404	--	6,404	5,137	3,249	7,123	7,003	3,654	--	‡‡‡1,03,439
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1	1	--	1	--			1	2	1	1	1	1	--	16
1	1	1	4	1			3	2	1	5	2	2	--	41
2	2	2	4	2			2	2	2	4	4	2	--	51
1	--	--	3	--			1	2	--	1	--	1	--	22
--	2	1	2	2			2	2	2	4	3	1	--	42
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8	7	5	17	6			10	11	7	18	11	8	--	208

¶ Includes seven suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
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†† Includes nine suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
‡‡ Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, and seven suits in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
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TABLE B.

Showing the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each Head-quarters Station and each Tahsil of the Central Provinces from 1889 to 1893.

Locality of Courts.		Number of suits instituted and re-instituted.				
		1889.	1890	1891.	1892.	1893.
Nagpur ...	Nagpur ...	2,783	3,069	2,441	2,555	3,087
	Court of Small Causes, Nagpur ..	5,992	5,213	4,816	6,274	6,311
	Total ...	8,775	8,282	7,257	8,829	9,398
	Court of Small Causes, Kamptee ...	2,116	2,083	1,894	2,065	1,876
	Katol	2,523	2,310	2,280	2,263	2,445
	Ramtek	3,038	2,555	2,360	2,330	4,405
	Umrer	2,049	2,395	1,787	1,649	293
Chanda ...	Chanda	550	594	986	1,222	1,158
	Warora	1,558	1,313	1,372	1,412	1,578
	Mul	1,214	1,378	631	676	735
	Brahmapuri	1,257	1,153	910	1,077	965
	Sironcha	177	229	221	168	193
Bhandara ...	Bhandara	3,293	3,028	2,666	3,231	3,085
	Tirora	2,911	2,684	2,080	2,403	2,230
	Sakoli	1,232	1,076	846	998	992
Wardha ...	Wardha	3,472	3,648	3,874	3,796	4,192
	Arvi	1,580	1,397	411	1,797	2,364
	Hinganghat	1,946	1,767	1,718	1,871	1,811
Balaghat ...	Burha	2,652	2,709	2,507	2,454	2,647
	Behir	179	121	111	164	113
Jubbulpore ...	Jubbulpore	1,771	2,047	1,883	2,205	1,694
	Court of Small Causes, Jubbulpore ..	2,838	2,929	2,581	2,354	1,750
	Do. do. Cantonment..	608	484	420	387	329
	Total ..	5,217	5,460	4,884	4,946	3,773
	Murwara	792	753	730	692	800
	Sehora	1,120	1,156	1,012	1,098	1,007
	Umaria	20	58	108	170	166

TABLE B.—(Contd.)

Showing to number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each Head-quarters Station and each Tahsil of the Central Provinces from 1889 to 1893.—(*Contd.*)

Locality of Courts.		Number of suits instituted and re-instituted.				
		1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.
Saugor	Saugor	2,275	2,550	2,913	2,878	2,525
	Court of Small Causes, Saugor ...	251	236	135	138	144
	Kurai	1,386	1,249	1,532	1,531	1,657
	Rehli	900	1,055	1,254	1,406	1,186
	Banda	797	820	817	944	714
Damoh	Damoh	2,454	2,475	1,998	1,990	2,324
	Hatta	1,059	862	776	936	915
Seoni	Seoni	1,999	2,304	1,946	2,240	2,284
	Lakhnadon	919	993	971	746	700
Mandla	Mandla	1,027	1,020	992	923	1,104
	Ramgarh	173	161	172	206	190
Hoshangabad	Hoshangabad	2,955	3,065	3,352	2,784	3,243
	Seoni	627	953	711	739	733
	Harda	1,767	2,343	2,223	2,607	2,371
	Sohagpur	1,324	1,487	1,595	1,624	1,810
	Pachmarhi	140	103	37	73	104
Betul	Betul	1,623	1,687	1,673	1,650	1,631
	Multái	986	847	917	890	1,006
Narsinghpur	Narsinghpur	3,263	3,396	3,212	3,385	2,912
	Gadarwara	2,598	2,428	2,343	2,481	2,225
Nimar	Khandwa	4,331	4,368	4,192	4,607	4,281
	Burhanpur	1,966	1,652	1,678	2,303	2,123
	Court of Small Causes, Asirgarh.	29	...	...	...	...
Chhindwara	Chhindwara	2,570	2,135	1,983	2,023	1,911
	Sausar	1,148	914	1,028	1,376	1,338
Raipur	Raipur	2,921	3,715	3,261	3,423	4,871
	Drug	1,149	1,413	953	1,248	871
	Dhamtari	1,074	1,226	1,003	944	605
	Simga	1,262	* 1,990	1,039	1,226	776
Sambalpur	Sambalpur	1,881	2,321	2,132	2,151	2,408
	Bargarh	1,142	1,188	1,148	1,114	1,246
Bilaspur	Bilaspur	1,777	2,463	2,480	2,091	2,642
	Mungeli	1,584	1,955	1,549	1,697	1,936
	Seorinarain	855	1,003	1,182	1,412	2,004
	Paudaria	214	303	349	320	414
	Pendra	26	42	49	67	7
	Total ...	* 100,330	† 102,908	‡ 95,249	§ 101,498	¶ 103,438

* Includes seven suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

† Do. six suits do. do. do. and one suit in the Court of the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division.

‡ Do. nine suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

§ Do. one suit instituted in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, and seven suits in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

¶ Do. one suit instituted in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division.

Table B-2 compares the figures of 1892 and 1893.

TABLE B-2.

District.	Number of suits instituted and re-instituted in		Increase or decrease.	Percentage.
	1892.	1893.		
Nagpur	17,136	18,417	+1,281	7·5
Chanda	4,555	4,629	+74	1·6
Bhandara	6,632	6,307	—325	4·9
Wardha	7,464	8,367	+903	12·1
Balaghat	2,618	2,760	+142	5·4
Jubbulpore	6,906	5,746	—1,160	16·7
Saugor	6,897	6,226	—671	9·7
Seoni	2,986	2,984	+2	0·1
Damoh	2,926	3,239	+253	8·6
Mandla	1,129	1,294	+165	14·5
Hoshangabad	7,827	8,261	+434	5·5
Betul	2,546	2,637	+91	3·5
Nimar	6,910	6,404	—506	7·3
Narsinghpur	5,866	5,137	—729	12·4
Chhindwara	3,399	3,249	—150	4·4
Raipur	6,841	7,123	+282	4·1
Bilaspur	5,587	7,003	+1,416	25·3
Sambalpur	3,265	3,654	+389	11·9
Total	101,498*	103,438†	+1,940	1·9

* Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division and seven suits in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
† Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division.

II.—*Value of Suits.*

6. The relative values of the suits instituted in 1893 are shown in Table C, and the figures for 1892 and 1893 are contrasted in Table C-II.

TABLE C.

Grades of value.	Number of suits instituted.	Percentage of total suits.	Average value.
			Rs.
Not exceeding Rs. 10 ..	20,791	20·1	6
Ditto „ 50 ...	50,184	48·5	25
Ditto „ 100 ...	16,340	15·8	72
Ditto „ 500 ...	13,613	13·2	202
Ditto „ 1,000 ...	1,300	1·3	689
Ditto „ 5,000 ...	944	1·0	1,818
Ditto „ 10,000 ...	75		7,655
Exceeding „ 10,000 ...	57		29,130
Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated.	134	0·1	...
Total ...	103,438	100	...

TABLE C-2.

Grades of value.	Number of suits instituted in 1892.	Number of suits instituted in 1893.	Increase or decrease.	Percentage
Not exceeding Rs. 10 ...	20,921	20,791	−130	0·6
Ditto „ 50 ...	49,051	50,184	+1,133	2·3
Ditto „ 100 ...	15,889	16,340	+451	2·8
Ditto „ 500 ...	13,185	13,613	+428	3·2
Ditto „ 1,000 ...	1,338	1,300	−38	2·8
Ditto „ 5,000 ...	812	944	+132	16·3
Ditto „ 10,000 ...	75	75	...	...
Exceeding „ 10,000 ...	54	57	+3	5·6
Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated ...	173	134	−39	22 5
Total ...	101,498	103,438	+1,940	1·8

Table D shows the percentages of Table C in detail according to districts.

TABLE D.

Districts	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50	Not exceeding Rs 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500	Exceeding Rs. 500.	Value cannot be estimated.
Nagpur ...	23 5	47·8	14 8	12·1	1·8	...
Chanda ...	21·0	53 7	14·1	10 4	0 8	...
Bhandara ...	17·6	55 8	15·3	9·8	1·5	...
Wardha ...	16 5	46·6	19·0	15·2	2·3	0·4
Balaghat ...	22·7	48·7	15 4	10·7	2·3	0·2
Jubbulpore ..	21·8	47·2	14 7	13·1	3 2	...
Saugor ...	20 8	50·2	13·7	13·0	2·2	0·1
Damoh ..	21·1	49·9	14·4	13·1	1·5	...
Seoni ..	20 6	48·6	14·9	14·3	1·6	...
Mandla ...	27·9	51·3	13·3	6·2	1·2	0·1
Hoshangabad ...	8·7	39·3	20·4	25·4	5·9	0·3
Betul ...	13·8	49·5	18·0	15·9	2·3	0·5
Narsinghpur ...	12·0	45·9	20 8	16·0	4 7	0·6
Chhindwara ...	15·3	49 5	18·7	14·7	1·8	...
Nimar ...	17·8	51·8	17·7	11·2	1 2	0·3
Raipur ..	22·5	47·5	14·5	12·8	2·7	...
Sambalpur ...	32·5	46·5	12·2	8·3	0·5	...
Bilaspur ...	29·1	52·3	10·3	7·0	1·2	0·1

Table C. The percentage of suits of all values is practically the same as in 1892.

Table C-2. The falling off in actual numbers of suits under Rs. 10, which was noticed in 1892, still continues, though it is very slight.

There is a considerable increase in the number of suits between Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 5,000 in value.

With regard to suits the value of which cannot be estimated, there is a marked increase. This is probably due to the fact that the provisions of Section 7, Court Fees Act, and Section 9 of the Suits Valuation Act, are lost sight of.

III.—Description of Suits.

7. Table E shows the distribution of suits under the heads of suits for money or moveable property, suits under the rent-law, and title and other suits in 1891, 1892 and 1893 :—

TABLE E.

Description of suits.	1891.		1892.		1893.	
	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.
I.—Suits for money or moveable property ...	75,174	78·9	79,798	78·7	80,294	77·6
II.—Suits under the rent law ...	11,078	11·6	12,133	11·9	12,229	11·8
III.—Title and other suits ...	8,997	9·5	9,567	9·4	10,915	10·6
Total ...	95,249	100·0	101,498	100·0	103,438	100·0

From additional Statement I. it will be seen that the old classification has been abolished. Instead of 35 sub-heads, there are now only 18. All suits for money or moveable property, whatever the nature of the claim, are now grouped together in one column.

There is but little difference under the three main heads (Table E) between the figures of 1892 and those for the year under report; but an inspection of additional Statement I. which shows the sub-heads into which the three classes are further divided, reveals some considerable variations in the figures within the classes themselves.

The number of suits for penalties or damages for wrongful act on the part of landlord or tenant has risen from 4 to 100. This extraordinary increase is almost wholly confined to the Raipur District where the figures under this sub-head have risen from *nil* to 89. The Deputy Commissioner explains that the provisions of the Tenancy Act relating to penalties against the landlord have hitherto been unknown among the tenants, who are daily becoming more alive to their own interests and determined to assert their rights.

The fluctuations under the sub-head "Mortgage Suits" are more apparent than real. They are due probably to more correct classification.

Taking the figures of the District Statements there appear to have been considerable fluctuations under some of the sub-heads.

In suits for money and moveable property, there has been an increase of 21 per cent. in Sambalpur, 27 per cent. in Bilaspur, 14 per cent. in Wardha; while in Narsinghpur there has been a decrease of no less than 63 per cent. on the figures for 1892.

As remarked before, the increase at Sambalpur is probably due to the increased activity of trade owing to the extension of the Railway. The reason for the increase at Bilaspur is not apparent, and the Deputy Commissioner of Wardha is unable to assign any definite cause for the increase in his district.

With regard to the great decrease at Narsinghpur, the Deputy Commissioner attributes it, in the main, to the general depression of trade from which the district is suffering, and has been suffering for the last five years. There is a general tendency to avoid time bargains and to abstain from petty litigation.

Suits for arrears of rent have decreased 39 per cent. in Sambalpur, 30 per cent. in Chanda, 30 per cent. in Jubbulpore, 46 per cent. in Mandla; while at Nagpur, Balaghat and Hoshangabad there has been an increase of 40, 25 and 21 per cent., respectively. The Deputy Commissioner of Sambalpur does not attempt to account for the difference in his district. The Deputy Commissioner of Chanda attributes the decrease to poverty of the cultivating classes, caused by a very bad *rabi* harvest. The same reason is given by the Deputy Commissioners of Jubbulpore and Mandla.

It is not at all unlikely that rents not being paid the landlords were willing to give time rather than sue out decrees which could not have been executed and satisfied without ruining the tenants. On the other hand, the Deputy Commissioner of Nagpur thinks that because there was a bad wheat harvest, tenants were unable to pay their rents, and that the landlords accordingly invoked the aid of the law. These explanations, showing the diametrically opposite effects apparently produced by the same causes, illustrate the difficulties that attend inquiry into the causes of fluctuations in litigation.

C.—General Distribution and Results of Trials of Civil Suits by Courts of Original Jurisdiction.

I.—Distribution.

8. The following table shows how the suits disposed of during the year

were distributed among the different classes of Courts in the several districts :—

TABLE F.

Total number of Judges.		7	42	22	51	4	37	16	18	197
Districts.		Small Cause Courts.	Naib-Tahsildars.	Munsiffs.	Tahsildars.	Honorary Assistant Commissioners.	Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners (excluding Civil Judges).	Civil Judges.	Deputy Commissioners.	Total.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nagpur ...		7,958	2,038	5,452	1,592	...	1,010	96	...	18,146
Chanda ...		...	1,964	1,419	703	...	573	38	...	4,697
Bhandara ...		...	1,434	3,088	1,072	46	702	107	...	6,449
Wardha ...		...	2,322	4,022	1,188	...	842	73	...	8,447
Balaghat ...		...	847	1,025	448	...	470	...	33	2,823
Jubbulpore ...		2,110	1,334	381	1,086	...	746	116	...	5,773
Saugor ...		154	2,353	1,499	1,715	...	721	72	...	6,514
Damoh ...		...	1,746	...	1,062	...	402	7	...	3,217
Seoni ...		...	470	1,610	714	...	228	...	4	3,026
Mandla ...		...	744	...	384	...	178	...	...	1,306
Hoshangabad ...		...	4,173	107	2,695	...	1,142	32	1	8,150
Betul ...		...	1,263	...	997	...	387	...	1	2,648
Narsinghpur ...		...	1,409	2,729	165	...	674	284	...	5,261
Chhindwara ...		...	1,507	...	1,186	...	340	90	3	3,126
Nimar ...		...	2,773	2,008	986	107	389	26	...	6,289
Raipur ...		...	3,016	1,164	1,798	...	1,244	116	1	7,339
Sambalpur ...		...	785	...	1,927	...	816	20	...	3,548
Bilaspur ...		...	3,915	...	2,046	...	800	24	...	6,791
Total ...	1893...	10,222	34,093	24,504	21,764	153	11,670	1,101	43	103,550
	1892...	11,294	29,845	26,939	19,324	265	12,421	656	66	100,810
Percentage..	1893...	9·9	32·9	23·7	21·0	0·1	11·3	1·1	...	100·
	1892...	11·2	29·6	26·7	19·2	0·3	12·3	0·6	0·1	100·
	1891...	10·2	31·3	24·6	18·6	0·2	14·3	0·3	0·1	100·
	1890...	10·6	32·2	24·1	19·9	0·2	12·9		0·1	100
	1889...	11·8	31·9	23·9	19·8	0·1	12·4		0·1	100·

The number of suits tried by Deputy Commissioners has again fallen. In 12 districts the Deputy Commissioners did no Original Civil work at all, as against 8 districts in 1892. The number of cases disposed of by Civil Judges has increased by over 400 cases. The fact that three new Civil Judges were appointed has little to do with this difference, for they disposed of only 100 cases between them. The greatest increases are at Bhandara, Raipur and Jubbulpore. The increase at Raipur is due to the fact that since April 1893 all cases above Rs. 800 in value have been tried by the Civil Judge, while at Bhandara most of the original cases heard by the Civil Judge were such as might have been disposed of by an inferior Court; but they had to be sent to the Civil Judge on account of the transfer of other officers. Practically, however, the Civil Judge had little original work, for out of 121 cases, some 50 were either compromised or decreed on confession. The difference at Jubbulpore is not accounted for.

The percentage of suits tried by Courts of Assistant Commissioners is somewhat less than in 1892, the chief differences being at Jubbulpore and Narsinghpur.

The percentage of cases tried by Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars has slightly increased, and that of cases by Munsiffs and Courts of Small Causes has decreased.

Table G gives the institution of suits in various Courts according to values :—

TABLE G.

Judges.	Registrars of Courts of Small Causes.	Judges of Courts of Small Causes.	Naib-Tahsildars.	Tahsildars and Munsiffs.	Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners, including Civil Judges.	Deputy Commissioners.	Judicial Assistants to Commissioners.	Commissioners.	Total.
Number of Judges ...	2	5	42	73	57	18	2	4	203

Grades of value of suits.	Total No. of suits instituted.	Percentage of suits instituted in the Courts of each class of Judge.							
Rs.									
Not exceeding 10	20,791	14·0	49·4	29·7	6·9	...	...	...	100·
Do. 50	50,184	9·8	41·3	43·5	5·4	...	...	...	100·
Do. 100	16,340	8·3	...	82·0	9·7	...	...	...	100·
Do. 500	13,613	8·4	...	56·9	34·7	...	...	...	100·
Do. 1,000	1,300	5·9	...	...	94·1	...	...	...	100·
Do. 5,000	944	...	...	...	96·5	3·5	...	...	100·
Do. 10,000	75	...	...	...	90·7	9·3	...	...	100·
Exceeding 10,000	57	...	...	...	96·5	3·5	...	...	100·
No. of suits the value of which cannot be estimated.	134	...	...	...	100·	...	...	...	100·
All grades ...	103,438	10·1	30·0	47·5	12·4	...	...	...	100·

II.—Results of Trials.

9. The general results of the trials of the suits disposed of are shown in Table H :—

TABLE H.

Results	Number of suits.	Proportion per cent. in 1893	Corresponding proportion in 1892	1891.	1890.	1889.
Plaints rejected or returned .	939	0·9	0 9	0 9	0·8	0 8
Transferred to other districts or Small Cause Courts' jurisdiction.	...	...	...	...	...	...
(*a*).—*Disposed of without contest.*						
Dismissed for default ...	20,512	19·8	19·2	18·8	19·0	18·3
Withdrawn with leave ...	642	0·6	0 6	0 8	0·8	0 9
Compromised ..	10,941	10 6	9 8	10·4	10·3	9·6
Decreed on confession ...	19,172	18·5	19·0	19·1	19 6	20·3
Decreed *ex parte* ...	19,143	18 5	19·2	18 0	18·6	19·0
Dismissed *ex parte* ..	925	0 9	1·0	1 0	0·9	1·0
Total uncontested.	71,335	68·9	68·8	68·1	69 2	69·2
(*b*).—*Contested and judgment given for—*						
Plaintiff in whole ...	14,914	14·4	14·4	14 6	14·2	13·9
Do. in part ...	8,286	8·0	7 9	8·2	8·1	8·5
Defendant in whole ...	8,080	7·8	8 0	8·2	7·7	7·7
Total contested ...	31,280	30·2	30 3	31·0	30·0	30·0

There is very little variation in the Provincial figures for the year 1893 from those of the preceding year.

The percentage of suits dismissed for default has risen in Raipur and Bilaspur to 32 and 31 respectively. Nimar and Sambalpur show the same percentage as last year, 25 and 30 per cent. respectively. A smaller proportion of cases were decided in that way at Balaghat and Mandla, where the percentages are 17 and 22 respectively.

The Deputy Commissioner of Raipur attributes the high percentage in his district to want of punctuality on the part of suitors. The Deputy Commissioner of Bilaspur is satisfied that there is no want of care on the part of Subordinate Judges.

10. The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 10,953 as against 11,070 in 1892, and 10,391 in 1891, the percentage of suits pending to disposals being respectively 11, 11 and 10·5 in the years 1891, 1892 and 1893.

The number of cases disposed of rose from 100,819 to 103,554, so that the general result may be considered satisfactory. The results of particular districts is not quite so good. The pending file at Nagpur is very heavy indeed, and another Court of Assistant Commissioner is badly needed. At the outset it would appear that there was a slight improvement at Wardha, but there has been an extra Court of Assistant Commissioner there for nine months of the year under review. On the other hand, there were over 9,000 cases instituted during 1893 against 8,000 in 1892.

The pending file at Hoshangabad is rather heavier than in 1892, but more cases have been disposed of. The Raipur figures show some improvement.

The pending file at Bilaspur is increasing.

There is a great increase in the number of cases pending over 4 months. The Provincial figures show 789 as against 445, a difference of 344 cases. In the Nagpur district alone there is an increase of nearly 300 cases.

11. The following figures show the Provincial average durations and number of hearings for the last three years:—

		1891.	1892.	1893.
Duration of suits ...	Contested ...	66·5	65·7	69·4
	Uncontested ...	37·9	38·2	40·3
Average number of hearings ...	Contested ...	3·3	3·5	3 1
	Uncontested ...	1 8	1·8	1·6

The average duration of both contested and uncontested cases has risen considerably, while the number of hearings is slightly less.

It is satisfactory that there is an improvement in the number of hearings, which is more important than the length of durations. No doubt, press of work and frequent changes of officers contribute in no small degree to delay, but in many of the most busy courts an improvement in the matter of duration might, without difficulty, be effected if judges would only observe one or two important points in the conduct of cases. In many instances cases are adjourned for no good reason, merely perhaps because a party or his pleader would like another day fixed, because of a domestic event or a professional engagement, or to get better advice or obtain further instructions and so forth. Too often cases are adjourned again and again merely for judgment. Sufficient time is not always allowed for service of process, and the attendance of parties or witnesses. Faults of this kind are being constantly pointed out to the subordinate judges, but it rests with Deputy Commissioners to maintain a continuous and watchful supervision.

During the year the Courts have availed themselves more freely of the power to punish witnesses for failure to comply with a summons, but it is still too often the case that frivolous excuses for non-attendance are accepted to the subversion of the authority of the Court and to the great waste of public time.

12. The number of commissions issued in the past three years is shown below :—

		1891.	1892	1893.
For local investigation	...	406	285	217
For examination of accounts	...	66	67	22
To make a partition	...	4	1	2

There is still a tendency to issue commissions unnecessarily for local investigations, though there is some improvement.

There is an increase in the number of cases decided by oath, but the Judicial Commissioner has not learnt that the oaths are over of an objectionable nature.

The number of cases in which the costs of successful plaintiffs are not allowed, is 200 as against 237 in 1892 ; and instalment decrees continue to decrease, the number for the year under review being 1,463, as against 1,619 in the previous year.

D.—Appellate Business.

13. The following Table J compares the number of first appeals instituted in 1892 and 1893 :—

TABLE J.

Appeals to Commissioner, Judicial Assistants to Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and Civil Judges.

	Courts of Commissioners.		Courts of Judicial Assistants to Commissioners.		Courts of Deputy Commissioners.		Courts of Civil Judges.		Total.		Percentage of appeals to appealable cases disposed of.	
	1892	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
From decrees of ordinary Civil Courts	*2	.	353	363	1,798	1,264	4,757	5,255	6,910	6,882	...	...
From orders ...	...	.	41	38	82	96	425	512	548	646	...	...
Total ...	2	...	394	401	1,880	1,360	5,182	5,767	7,458	7,528	23·3	22·7

* These appeals were received by transfer from the Courts of Judicial Assistants to the Commissioners.

There is practically no difference in the number of appeals heard by Judicial Assistants. The number heard by Deputy Commissioners is considerably less than in 1892, while the figures for Civil Judges show a corresponding increase. The total number of appeals is very little more than in 1892.

14. Table K gives the result of appeals, first and second, regular and miscellaneous: —

TABLE K.

Disposal of Appeals.

Courts	Decisions confirmed under Section 551, Act XIV of 1882		Dismissed in default		Remanded for re-trial		Decrees of Lower Courts						Total disposed of.
							Modified		Reversed		Confirmed		
	Number	Percentage of total appeals	Number	Percentage of total appeals	Number	Percentage of total appeals	Number	Percentage of total appeals	Number	Percentage of total appeals	Number	Percentage of total appeals	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Court of the Judicial Commissioner	160	24 3	30	4 6	34	5 2	22	3 3	78	11 8	335	50 8	659
Courts of Commissioners													
Nagpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chhattisgarh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jubbulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nerbudda	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Courts of Judicial Assistants to Commissioners													
Nagpur	4	3 8	4	3 8	3	2 8	24	22 6	12	11 3	59	55 7	106
Chhattisgarh	1	2 4	1	2 4	3	7 1	7	16 7	10	23 8	20	47 6	42
Jubbulpore	1	0 8	1	0 8	7	5 7	19	14 4	18	13 6	86	65 1	132
Nerbudda	2	1 3	6	3 8	9	5 8	40	25 6	14	9 0	85	54 5	156
Total	8	1·8	12	2 8	22	5 1	90	20 6	54	12 4	250	57 3	436
Courts of Deputy Commissioners													
Nagpur	3	15 0	1	5 0	1	5 0	3	15 0	1	5 0	11	55 0	20
Chanda	13	26 5	1	2 0	2	4 1	6	12 3	10	20 4	17	34 7	49
Bhandara	6	13 6	2	4 6	2	4 6	6	13 6	10	22 7	18	40 9	44
Wardha	11	15 7	7	10·0	6	8 6	14	20 0	7	10 0	25	35 7	70
Balaghat	43	16 4	23	8 8	22	8 4	15	5 7	49	18 7	110	42 0	262
Jubbulpore	2	4 6	2	4 8	3	6 9	2	4 8	7	16 2	27	62 7	43
Saugor	...	...	...	...	2	18 2	...	...	4	36 4	5	45 4	11
Damoh	26	30 2	5	5 8	4	4 7	4	4 6	12	14 0	35	40 7	86
Seoni	15	10 7	12	8 6	8	5 8	23	16 6	28	20 1	53	38 1	139
Mandla	34	39 1	3	3 5	8	9 1	13	14 9	19	21 8	10	11 5	87
Hoshangabad	1	1 9	1	1 9	4	7 5	2	3 8	12	22 6	33	62 3	53
Betul	12	5 8	37	17 8	12	5 8	18	8 6	28	13 4	101	48 6	208
Narsinghpur	26	36 6	9	12 7	3	4 2	11	15 5	5	7·0	17	24 0	71
Chhindwara	41	18 6	67	30 5	12	5 5	25	11 4	43	19 5	32	14 5	220
Nimar	11	31 4	3	8 6	2	5 7	4	11 4	2	5 7	13	37 2	35
Raipur	5	26 3	5	26 3	1	5 3	4	21 0	1	5 3	3	15 8	19
Sambalpur	8	14 8	6	11 1	4	7 4	11	20 4	6	11·1	19	35 2	54
Bilaspur	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	19 6	9	9 6	28	60 8	46
Total	257	16 9	184	12 1	96	6 3	170	11 2	253	16 7	557	36 8	1,517
Courts of Civil Judges													
Nagpur	46	7 1	28	4 4	33	5 1	80	12 4	113	17 7	343	53 3	643
Chanda	60	25 7	20	8 6	3	1 3	81	4 8	12	5 1	57	2 5	233
Bhandara	31	8 3	31	8 3	20	5 3	57	15 2	85	22 6	151	40 3	375
Wardha	13	2 4	26	4 9	53	9 9	85	15 9	116	21 7	242	45 2	535
Balaghat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jubbulpore	7	2 0	9	2 9	30	8·6	40	11 5	83	24 0	176	51·0	345
Saugor	57	11 5	18	3 5	38	7·6	80	16 1	80	16 1	225	45·2	498
Damoh	9	6 2	3	2 1	15	10·3	15	10·3	32	22 1	71	49 0	145
Seoni	15	13 2	7	6 1	5	4 3	24	21 1	27	37 7	36	31 6	114
Mandla	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoshangabad	45	5 4	16	1 9	36	4 3	159	19 0	177	21 1	404	48 3	837
Betul	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Narsinghpur	16	4 2	23	6 0	29	7 6	36	9 4	115	30·0	164	42 8	383
Chhindwara	3	4 0	6	8 0	20	26 7	15	20 0	17	22 7	14	18 6	75
Nimar	54	16 0	11	3 3	14	4 1	67	19 8	62	18 3	130	38 5	338
Raipur	121	20 7	44	7 5	71	12 2	31	5 3	75	12 9	242	41 4	584
Sambalpur	37	9 9	11	3 5	6	1 9	43	13 8	37	11 9	178	57 0	312
Bilaspur	12	3 2	19	5 0	16	4 5	31	8 2	76	20 3	220	58 8	374
Total	526	9 1	272	4 7	389	6 7	844	14 6	1,107	19 1	2,653	45 8	5,791
Grand Total	951	11 3	498	5 9	541	6 4	1,126	13 4	1,492	17 8	3,795	45 2	8,403

The number of regular second appeals instituted in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner was 790 as against 735 in 1892, and the number of disposals was 618 as against 665 in 1892: 41 miscellaneous appeals were also disposed of as against 66 in the previous year.

In the report for the year 1892, the Judicial Commissioner commented on the fact that several Deputy Commissioners took advantage of the appointment of Civil Judges to give up their Civil Appellate jurisdiction altogether.

Mr. Stevens thought that Deputy Commissioners might fairly be expected to take up at least 10 appeals every quarter until such time as they were completely relieved from responsibility for the Judicial work of the Lower Courts.

With the exception of the Deputy Commissioners of Nagpur, Saugor, Nimar and Raipur, every Deputy Commissioner heard more than 40 appeals in 1893.

The Deputy Commissioner, Saugor, took up only 11 and the Deputy Commissioners, Raipur and Nagpur, 19 and 20 respectively.

The Deputy Commissioner, Bhandara, might, the Judicial Assistant, Nagpur Division, thinks, do more appellate work than he does.

There is very little improvement in the matter of the proportion of regular first appeals confirmed without notice to the respondent. There is a difference of only 13 cases, excluding those in the Judicial Commissioner's and Judicial Assistant's Courts. The Judicial Commissioner thinks there must be more cases in which a perusal of the judgment appealed against and the memorandum of appeal would show that the appeal must fail, and that it would be needless to trouble the respondent to attend. But it must be remembered that first appeals lie on questions of fact as well as of law, and that it is the common practice to challenge the estimate of the evidence formed by the first court. In such cases it would not be possible for the Appellate Court to form an opinion as to whether the appeal was a plausible one, unless it sent for and examined the entire record, which can hardly be expected.

The average duration of appeals in the Judicial Commissioner's Court has increased from 175·9 to 217·6 days. It has decreased from 172·9 to 121·8 days in the Court of Judicial Assistant to Commissioner, Nagpur Division (who says this result has only been achieved by working at high pressure throughout the year), it has risen in those of the Judicial Assistant to Commissioner, in the Chhattisgarh, Nerbudda and Jubbulpore Divisions, the largest difference being in the Jubbulpore Division where the average duration rose from 98·7 in 1892 to 178·5 in the year under review.

There is a slight improvement in the average duration of cases in District Appellate Courts, though the figures for Wardha show a considerable increase. The Deputy Commissioner says the increase is due partly to long adjournments in the Court of the Civil Judge, and partly to the fact that the district was without a Civil Judge throughout December.

One cause of long durations is undoubtedly the delay in the re-submission by Original Courts of cases remanded by the Appellate Courts. This matter is being watched.

E.—Execution of Decrees.

15. The number of applications for execution of decrees presented during the year was 95,680, of which 11,289 were left pending at the close of the year. The figures for 1892 were 90,930 and 10,941, there was thus an increase of over 5 per cent. The increase was chiefly in Nagpur and Hoshangabad, where it was 6 and 18 per cent. respectively. The Deputy Commissioner of Nagpur does not

comment on the increase; while the Deputy Commissioner of Hoshangabad attributes the increase in his district partly to the increase in the number of original suits and partly to the good harvest of the year.

There has been a decrease in the Jubbulpore District, which the Deputy Commissioner does not attempt to explain.

The number of applications transferred to Collectors increased from 1,278 to 1,405. The increase was distributed over all the districts, except Jubbulpore, Damoh and Saugor, where the figures show a decrease.

The number of decrees in which satisfaction was obtained in whole or in part were 18,423 and 17,230, as against 17,496 and 15,989 respectively.

The number of infructuous applications was 45,084, as against 43,469 in 1892; of these 23,019 were dismissed for default, or withdrawn, and 22,065 were otherwise infructuous. No comparison of these sub-divisions of column 6 of Statement VII can be made with the figures for 1892, because it was only towards the latter part of that year that this column was subdivided. Consequently the figures for 1892 were not precisely accurate in this respect, as was explained in paragraph 21 of the report for that year. Of course a matter like this can hardly be controlled by the Courts. There appear to be three causes which tend to make the number of infructuous applications so large. In the first place, execution cases are badly managed, and the applications are often incorrectly drawn up. This is because pleaders very rarely have anything to do with execution proceedings: parties—often ignorant men—have to attend to these cases themselves; they fail to appear on a date to which the case has been adjourned, and their cases are dismissed for default. Very often a decree-holder puts in an application for execution, and a warrant of attachment is issued by the Court. This often in itself has the effect of inducing the judgment-debtor to settle the claim. The decree-holder fails to appear at the next hearing, and the case is dismissed for default, though the decree may have been fully satisfied. Again, it often happens that applications are made merely to keep the decree alive, and with no *bonâ fide* intention on the part of the decree-holder to proceed to extremities.

The amount realized has increased very considerably. It will be noted that amounts realized after issue of process and *without* issue of process are no longer separately shown.

The number of judgment-debtors actually imprisoned is one less than in 1892. There was a considerable decrease at Wardha, which was probably due to the better observance, on the part of the Courts, of the requirements of Section 337 A of the Civil Procedure Code. The great increase in Seoni is not accounted for, and the Judicial Assistant, Jubbulpore Division, reports that he has asked the Deputy Commissioner to look into the matter.

The fees levied for the service and execution of processes amounted to Rs. 2,42,447, and the charges incurred in their execution to Rs. 91,406, thus leaving a profit of Rs. 1,51,041. The totals of fees levied and of charges incurred in 1892 were Rs. 2,33,164 and Rs. 87,069 respectively.

Since the report for 1892 was written the whole of the process-serving establishment has been reorganized, and the new scale came into force with effect from the 1st April 1893. There are now four grades of process-servers, the pay being Rs. 10, Rs. 9, Rs. 8, and Rs. 7, respectively.

With regard to the scheme of supervision, by 1st class process-servers, of the work of process-servers of the lower grades, the Judicial Commissioner is hopeful that it has worked well. It is true that at present there are scarcely any perceptible results, but there can be no doubt that the very existence of the system keeps the lower grades of process-servers alive to their responsibilities. The mere knowledge that their work is subject to scrutiny has already had a good effect on them. In several districts many irregularities on the part of the process-servers of the lower grades were brought to light by men of the first grade—irregularities such as false reports and attaching processes to the houses of defendants who were actually in them at the time. In one or two districts the scheme could not be thoroughly worked owing to insufficiency of staff; but this will be, it is hoped, remedied during the current year. There is only one Deputy Commissioner who thinks that the first class process-servers will be more inclined to conceal the faults of the others than to bring them to light. The general opinion of Deputy Commissioners and Judicial Assistants is against this theory, and the general conclusion appears to be that the results are satisfactory, and that as time goes on the advantages of the system will become more apparent.

At Nagpur the scheme for the amalgamation of the three process-serving establishments attached respectively to the District Court, the Tahsil, and the Small Cause Court, was permanently sanctioned during the year, it having been found to work well for the first six months of the year. From the Deputy Commissioner's report, it appears that the measure has effected a considerable pecuniary saving, while the work of serving processes has not suffered. At the outset, it was feared that the service of processes would involve more time than before; but experience has proved that these fears were groundless. There seems to be every hope that as the scheme is developed, the service of processes will be more quickly performed and more easily checked than before.

Mr. Stevens' suggestion that, in all districts having more than one Assistant at head-quarters, the Nazir's establishment should be put in charge of one of the Assistants, has been carried out.

F.—Work done by Officers.

16. Tables L to P are comparative statements showing the work done year by year during the last five years. Table Q shows the work done during the year by Civil Judges.

TABLE L.

Work done by the Judicial Commissioner.

Second appeals.					Miscellaneous appeals.					Applications under Section 622, C. C. P.				
1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.
554	746	610	665	618	36	69	59	66	41	185	158	169	152	155

TABLE M.

Work done by Commissioners and Judicial Assistants to Commissioners.

Courts.	Regular appeals.					Miscellaneous appeals.				
	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1889	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.
Commissioner of Nagpur ...	68	50	77	1	...	6	6	2	.	...
Commissioner of Jubbulpore ..	75	63	60	..	...	12	10	16	...	...
Commissioner of Nerbudda ...	122	96	124	..	...	25	32	48	...	...
Commissioner of Chhattisgarh ...	54	44	33	1	..	16	18	18	...	...
Total ...	319	253	294	2	...	59	66	84	...	..
Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Nagpur Division ...	...	...	...	112	95	...	...	...	7	11
Do. do. Chhattisgarh Division.	...	...	...	29	40	...	...	...	3	2
Do. do. Jubbulpore do. ...	...	...	.	43	119	...	...	..	10	13
Do. do. Nerbudda Division ...	...	...	...	134	146	...	...	...	12	10
Total ...	...	...	...	318	400	...	...	...	32	36

TABLE N.

Work done by Deputy Commissioners.

Districts.	Original suits.					Miscellaneous suits.					Execution cases.					Insolvency cases.					Regular appeals.					Miscellaneous appeals.				
	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1889.	1890.	1891	1892.	1893.
Nagpur ...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	1	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	117	65	48	32	20	12	3	1	1	...
Chanda ...	1	5	2	..	...	1	12	9	7	...	2	5	17	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	160	155	122	71	46	9	11	13	2	3
Bhandara ...	10	4	6	2	...	27	53	69	4	2	9	7	12	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	288	232	206	10	42	16	16	14	...	2
Wardha ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	1	1	..	..	...	..	...	..	...	...	119	82	136	4	70	3	..	6	...	...
Balaghat ...	6	11	23	20	33	3	10	8	17	23	7	6	18	11	48	...	..	1	...	3	145	152	121	210	245	9	8	6	7	17
Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	45	9	...	..	2	1	...	...	...	133	...	.	...	...	...	217	137	191	26	42	10	12	22	2	1
Saugor ...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	2	...	.	..	...	...	..	60	70	21	10	11	1	2	6	1	...
Damoh ...	4	5	...	7	...	5	2	16	51	12	4	4	5	9	7	1	3	2	...	..	251	222	179	209	79	5	18	12	9	7
Seoni ...	28	34	20	19	4	6	18	5	28	8	22	33	33	26	7	3	...	1	3	11	250	233	229	202	133	7	10	11	10	6
Mandla ...	...	...	5	7	...	2	2	1	2	2	...	...	...	6	2	...	2	2	1	...	72	62	74	34	77	6	5	5	4	10
Hoshangabad ...	...	3	2	1	1	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	251	315	199	103	47	18	38	21	8	6
Betul ...	5	4	3	2	1	6	17	47	35	26	9	9	6	1	6	...	1	...	...	...	274	236	210	290	198	14	12	2	5	10
Narsinghpur ...	1	8	8	...	...	6	127	22	29	15	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	141	103	197	128	67	20	23	50	9	4
Chhindwara ...	2	2	3	6	3	7	4	17	28	23	23	13	11	15	3	...	...	1	1	1	242	230	286	313	196	7	12	23	16	24
Nimar ...	4	4	1	...	...	4	...	10	7	1	4	8	3	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	219	278	315	40	35	15	43	25	...	...
Raipur ...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	1	...	...	52	15	64	...	19	1	1	...	...	...
Sambalpur ...	1	1	1	...	...	23	18	7	33	2	3	4	3	3	1	7	6	1	1	...	106	123	213	180	54	8	7	...	...	...
Bilaspur ...	4	5	...	...	...	9	12	2	...	...	7	5	2	2	...	1	2	...	...	...	98	152	61	19	43	4	3	...	1	3
TOTAL ...	69	86	77	66	43	145	284	214	245	116	95	100	118	87	210	12	16	11	6	15	3,062	2,862	2,872	1,881	1,424	165	224	217	75	98

TABLE O.

Work done by Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

Districts.	Original suits.					Miscellaneous suits.					Execution cases.					Insolvency cases.					Regular appeals.					Miscellaneous appeals.				
	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1889.	1890	1891.	1892.	1893.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.
Nagpur ...	1,239	1,520	1,174	966	1,010	105	97	117	92	188	1,162	1,005	1,114	940	967	28	36	...	...	..	288	352	...	...	...	38	33	...	...	...
Chanda ...	548	546	428	531	573	91	82	72	75	102	438	458	423	446	511	1	...	...	...	...	77	122	...	...	...	5	4	...	...	...
Bhandara ...	824	834	673	692	748	135	122	208	176	175	768	760	712	693	638	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wardha ...	749	1,015	1,127	863	842	70	145	163	93	119	721	770	675	769	775	2	6	...	...	...	339	454	...	...	...	33	37	...	...	...
Balaghat ...	342	283	306	464	470	30	47	17	27	50	297	286	303	338	290	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jubbulpore ...	1,102	1,062	965	1,152	746	93	126	138	37	92	665	745	723	738	671	3	20	...	...	...	100	115	...	...	...	8	13	...	...	...
Saugor ...	718	630	932	682	721	114	163	69	160	79	532	573	530	577	627	3	4	...	...	...	255	270	...	...	...	4	2	...	...	...
Damoh ...	459	390	327	373	402	43	26	18	71	71	246	310	226	232	214	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Seoni ...	529	579	431	217	228	55	53	74	41	51	366	469	496	254	220	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mandla ...	131	123	137	149	178	16	16	17	17	25	98	80	74	72	87	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoshangabad ...	1,275	1,372	1,232	1,287	1,142	139	287	194	165	209	1,251	1,408	1,313	1,299	1,426	1	10	17	7	5	322	363	...	...	...	28	3	...	...	...
Betul ...	361	308	416	398	387	29	46	64	58	46	254	208	265	250	277	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Narsinghpur ..	968	1,030	1,207	954	674	302	240	79	402	146	873	841	942	958	806	1	...	...	...	...	446	28	...	...	...	35	54	...	...	...
Chhindwara ...	572	653	585	594	340	75	62	67	93	42	376	376	453	443	385	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nimar ...	592	661	593	621	496	153	121	65	81	69	622	701	626	604	541	15	16	...	1	...	101	35	...	...	...	7	3	...	...	...
Raipur ..	964	1,054	1,252	1,240	1,244	94	78	108	85	46	466	580	502	502	528	8	5	...	...	...	425	444	...	...	...	37	34	...	...	...
Sambalpur ...	538	826	1,212	781	816	63	71	41	97	112	276	350	393	305	317	...	...	...	...	...	138	175	...	...	...	7	5	...	...	...
Bilaspur .	495	650	753	722	806	61	48	67	52	75	295	372	321	332	368	...	2	...	...	...	175	174	...	...	...	11	4	...	...	...
Total ..	12,406	13,536	13,750	12,686	11,823	1,668	1,830	1,578	1,822	1,697	9,806	10,287	10,091	9,752	9,648	64	69	17	8	5	2,666	2,786	...	...	...	231	246	...	...	...

TABLE P.

Work done by Tahsildars, Munsiffs and Naib-Tahsildars.

Districts.	Original suits.					Miscellaneous suits.					Execution cases.				
	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.
Nagpur	9,075	8,426	7,698	7,605	9,082	821	787	763	998	1,011	8,348	7,982	8,721	8,856	9,685
Chanda	4,177	4,071	3,728	3,900	4,086	592	574	492	486	499	3,020	3,119	3,249	3,049	3,328
Bhandara... ...	6,428	6,310	4,893	5,647	5,594	777	747	608	678	733	4,401	2,800	5,405	6,432	6,522
Wardha	6,205	5,957	5,769	6,339	7,532	906	772	723	847	865	5,594	5,754	6,070	6,094	6,911
Balaghat	2,455	2,481	2,070	2,315	2,320	192	139	185	95	83	1,707	1,585	1,815	2,166	2,315
Jubbulpore ...	2,540	3,042	2,636	3,039	2,801	177	242	211	234	241	1,584	1,775	1,829	1,902	1,663
Saugor	4,617	5,181	5,305	5,905	5,567	363	469	430	530	494	2,497	3,298	3,383	3,684	3,464
Damoh	3,110	2,947	2,462	2,520	2,808	190	219	124	168	160	1,496	1,784	1,544	1,820	1,755
Seoni	2,288	2,615	2,467	2,726	2,794	138	159	167	209	310	1,204	1,512	1,469	1,814	2,172
Mandla	1,184	1,083	984	950	1,128	37	48	30	37	48	349	412	446	331	371
Hoshangabad ...	5,585	6,495	6,486	6,624	6,975	432	448	426	429	611	4,176	5,064	4,839	5,043	6,133
Betul	2,296	2,177	2,133	2,184	2,260	236	259	238	261	285	1,341	1,442	3,096	1,550	1,700
Narsinghpur ...	4,923	5,008	4,170	4,704	4,303	392	303	247	284	333	3,915	4,522	4,228	4,323	4,502
Chhindwara ...	3,086	2,532	2,371	2,804	2,693	196	211	199	256	232	2,261	2,225	2,027	2,067	2,179
Nimar	5,729	5,324	5,052	6,391	5,767	457	477	382	491	495	4,263	4,678	3,955	5,015	4,771
Raipur	5,483	6,992	5,159	5,219	5,978	207	317	228	258	308	2,814	3,570	3,029	2,824	3,252
Sambalpur ...	2,450	2,668	2,035	2,469	2,712	157	131	138	171	113	1,132	1,219	1,043	982	1,118
Bilaspur	3,799	5,094	4,771	4,767	5,961	173	178	224	194	204	1,614	1,991	1,968	1,941	2,181
Total ...	75,430	78,433	70,169	76,108	80,361	6,443	6,480	5,815	6,626	7,025	51,716	54,732	56,416	59,893	64,022

TABLE Q.

Work done by Civil Judges.

Districts.	Original suits.		Miscellaneous suits.		Execution cases.		Insolvency cases.		Regular appeals.		Miscellaneous appeals.	
	1892	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892	1893.	1892.	1893.
Nagpur ...	92	96	3	71	73	113	48	43	481	582	59	61
Chanda ...	20	38	26	9	31	49	1	1	223	230	8	3
Bhandara ...	4	107	84	62	14	7	1	1	354	312	23	33
Wardha ...	74	73	10	5	83	78	8	9	408	460	39	75
Balaghat ...	..		...		..		...	...	.	..	...	..
Jubbulpore ...	28	116	4	13	11	1°3	10	6	250	323	24	22
Saugor .	38	72	114	136	61	101	3	3	383	468	23	30
Damoh ...	...	7	...	37	...	2	..	...	...	134	...	11
Seoni ..	...	...	...	...	...		..	...		113	...	1
Mandla ..	..	...	...	...	..		...	..	...	..	.	...
Hoshangabad ..	28	32	38	39	28	49	2	2	551	773	69	64
Betul .		...	...	.		...		...		..	...	.
Narsinghpur ..	265	284	53	148	222	206		...	296	362	7	21
Chhindwara ..	...	90	...	15		24	..	...	.	65	...	10
Nimar ...	26	26	25	24	23	36	15	10	299	301	17	37
Raipur .	50	116	24	37	46	98	5	2	553	526	42	58
Sambalpur ..	7	20	27	27	11	14	1	8	176	309	.	3
Bilaspur ..	24	21	32	21	38	28	.	5	447	355	31	19
Total ..	656	1,101	470	644	641	938	94	90	4,401	5,343	312	448

17. With regard to the work of Judicial Assistants to Commissioners, the Judicial Commissioner can but endorse the opinion expressed in the report for 1892, that the work is more than two officers can fairly be expected to cope with, in addition to the large amount of criminal work which, as Sessions Judges, they have to perform. Too often the two classes of work conflict, and criminal work must have the precedence. It is impossible for Judicial Assistants to inspect the work of Subordinate Courts; indeed, it is only by working at high pressure that they are able to keep pace with their own work.

The Judicial Commissioner is glad to think that a third Judicial Assistant to Commissioner will shortly be appointed.

Of the eight Civil Judges who had been introduced from other Provinces up to the end of 1892, one left the Province in December last.

The object of the order sheet (introduced in 1892 as a means of checking dilatoriness on the part of the Courts, and facilitating supervision), was at first not quite understood by some of the Subordinate Courts; but this difficulty has been overcome.

There is nothing new to remark regarding the quality of the judicial work of the different classes of officers. The first essential to an improvement of the quality of all classes alike is more leisure; at present almost all our Judicial Officers are more or less overworked and cannot do themselves justice.

Appended is a list of the officers who appear to deserve favourable mention of their judicial work :—

Judicial Assistant to Commissioner.

Mr. Ismay.

Deputy Commissioners.

Mr. T. Drysdale.
„ W. A. Nedham.
„ M. W. Fox-Strangways.
„ H. A. Crump.
„ J. A. C. Skinner.
„ H. M. Lauric.

Assistant Commissioner.

Mr. B. P. Standen.

Civil Judges.

Rao Saheb Bapu Rao Patwardhan,
„ Rangaya Naidu.
Mr. Madhab Chandar Banerji,
„ Lala Sheo Narain.
„ Wamon Rao.
„ Gopal Dutt Joshi.
„ T. W. Deshmukh.
„ Kashinath Keshco Thakur.
„ Yado Madho Rao.

Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

Mr. Jageshwar Rao.
„ Ram Krishna Rao.
„ Wasudeo Ramchander Dobley.

Tahsildars.

Mr. Narain Rao Deo.
„ Gopal Rao Dongre.
„ Krishna Rao Paradkar.
„ Raghunath Rao Sheorey.

Munsiffs.

Mr. Hafiz Nurulla.
„ Ragho Ramchandar.
„ Balwant Khando.

Naib-Tahsildars.

Mr. Mahomed Tukki.
„ Namdeo Mahadeo Hastak.

G.—Miscellaneous.

18. The office of Judicial Commissioner was held by Mr. J. F. Stevens from the 1st January to the 30th November, and by Mr. J. W. Neill from the 1st December to the end of the year. Mr. Stevens inspected the following districts during the year :—

Betul.
Narsinghpur.
Hoshangabad.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

G. SHERLOCK-HUBBARD,
Registrar.

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STATEMENTS.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. I.—(Civil and Criminal).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and the number of Officers exercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction in the Central Provinces on the last day of the year 1893 with the cost of Tribunals.

Name of Province.			Area.	Population.	Number of Division for Courts under Chief Court, but superior to Chief Courts of Districts.	Number of Districts.	Number of Sub-Districts.	Total number of officers exercising Original or Appellate Jurisdiction. Judges of Chief Court of Provinces.	Judges of other Courts superior to Chief District Courts.	Judges of Chief Courts of Districts.	Judges of District Courts other than Chief Courts.	Judges of other subordinate Courts	Total number of cases decided. Original. Regular.	Original. Miscellaneous.	Appeals. Regular.	Appeals. Miscellaneous.	Total Receipts of the courts.	Total Charges of the courts.
1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
																	Rs.	Rs.
Central Provinces.	Territory subject to the High Court ...	Civil and Revenue ...	84,445	10,774,891	4	18	50	1	6	18	58	126	103,554	9,909	7,785	618	12,79,497	15,79,424
		Criminal ...									52	263	26,466	1,243	3,151	602		
	Ditto not subject to the High Court ...	Civil and Revenue ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...
		Criminal ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..	...	...	...
	Total ...		84,445	10,774,891	4	18	50	1	6	18	61	331	130,020	11,252	10,936	1,220	12,79,497	15,79,424

NOTE.—Number of European and Native Judicial Officers exercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction.

The Civil Courts are those described in Act XVI of 1885. On the Criminal side District Officers are included with 1st Class Magistrates.

CIVIL.

Naib-Tahsildars. Euro.	Naib-Tahsildars. Natives.	Munsiffs. Euro.	Munsiffs. Natives.	Judges of Small Cause Courts. Euro.	Judges of Small Cause Courts. Natives.	Registrars of Small Cause Courts. Euro.	Registrars of Small Cause Courts. Natives.
0	42	0	22	1	3	0	2

Courts of	Tahsildars. 1st Class. Euro.	Tahsildars. 1st Class. Natives.	Tahsildars. 2nd Class. Euro.	Tahsildars. 2nd Class. Natives.	Assistant Commissioners. 1st Class. Euro.	Assistant Commissioners. 1st Class. Natives.	Assistant Commissioners. 2nd Class. Euro.	Assistant Commissioners. 2nd Class. Natives.	Assistant Commissioners. 3rd Class. Euro.	Assistant Commissioners. 3rd Class. Natives.	Civil Judges. Euro.	Civil Judges. Natives
	0	47	0	4	5	13	5	10	2	9	0	14

Deputy Commissioners. Euro.	Deputy Commissioners. Natives.	Commissioners. Euro.	Commissioners. Natives.	Judicial Assistants to Commissioners. Euro.	Judicial Assistants to Commissioners. Natives.	Judicial Commissioner. Euro.	Judicial Commissioner. Natives.
17	1	4	0	2	0	1	0

CRIMINAL.

High Court Judges. Euro.	High Court Judges. Natives.	Sessions Judges. Euro.	Sessions Judges. Natives.	Additional Sessions Judges. Euro.	Additional Sessions Judges. Natives	Magistrates. 1st Class. Euro.	1st Class. Natives.	2nd Class. Euro.	2nd Class. Natives.	3rd Class. Euro.	3rd Class. Natives.	Cantonment Magistrates. Euro.	Cantonment Magistrates. Natives.
1	0	4	0	2	0	30	38	5	124	6	180	3	0

* The total columns 7 to 11 show the actual number of individuals as required. As same Officer has in some (but not in all) cases both Civil and Criminal power, the figure totals of columns 10 and 11 are higher than totals.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 7—(Civil).

Statement showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Central Provinces, in the year 1893.

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for money or moveable property.	Suits under the Rent-Law.						Title and other suits.									Grand Total.
		Arrears of rent with or without ejectment.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	For penalties, or damages, or compensation for wrongful act on the part of landlord or tenant.	For eject- or recovery of possession alone.	All other suits under Rent-Law	Total.	Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for specific relief.	Suits to establish a right of pre-emption.	Mortgage suits.	Suits relating to religious and other endowments.	Matrimonial suits.	Testamentary suits.	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
I.—Civil Courts.																	
Unpaid Tribunals ...	69	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	17	2	57	...	2	...	...	96	165
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ..	66,874	9,024	3	43	924	18	10,012	1,113	25	...	2,101	...	...	...	1	3,240	80,126
Small Cause Courts ..	10,410	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	10,410
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ..	2,921	201	45	57	1,874	40	2,217	3,994	781	33	2,379	3	217	...	147	7,554	12,692
Chief Courts of Districts ..	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	...	13	1	1	...	1	25	45
Total ...	80,294	9,225	48	100	2,798	58	12,229	5,133	824	35	4,550	4	220	...	149	10,915	103,438
II.—Revenue Courts.																	
Unpaid Local Tribunals ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
District Courts ..	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	.	...	..	...		..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																	
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts ...	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...		...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ..	80,294	9,225	48	100	2,798	58	12,229	5,133	824	35	4,550	4	220	...	149	10,915	103,438

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 8—(Civil).

Statement showing number and value of suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Central Provinces, in the year 1893.

Value of suits.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.										Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total value of suits.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.										Rs.	
I.—Civil Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	..	..	.	...				...	...	...	
Village Courts	..	..		..				...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	16,440	42,537	13,402	7,747				...	...	34,48,815	
Small Cause Courts	2,914	4,908	1,362	1,149	77			...	...	4,96,489	
District Court other than Chief Courts of Districts	1,437	2,737	1,576	4,716	1,223	911	68	55	134	55,89,259	
Chief Courts of Districts	...	2	...	1	.	33	7	2	...	6,33,810	
Total ...	20,791	50,184	16,340	13,613	1,300	944	75	57	134	1,01,68,373	
II.—Revenue Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	..	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	
Collectors' Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	.	...	...	.	...	...	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.											
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...		
Total ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Grand Total ...	20,791	50,184	16,340	13,613	1,300	944	75	57	134	1,01,68,373	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9.—(Civil).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces in the year 1893.

PART I.—CIVIL SUITS.

Class of Courts.	Total number of suits before the Courts.	Number of suits disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than 3 months at the close of year.	Average duration of suits.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest				Contested.	Uncontested.	
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Unpaid Tribunals	184	...	26	17	14	20	1	...	...	70	5	31	5	88·7	52·5	
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	87,614	...	18,267	8,806	15,523	14,795	724	18	6	16,748	5,498	7,253	346	60·1	38·7	
Small Cause Courts	11,109	...	1,274	1,054	2,335	3,148	57	2	4	1,858	496	887	41	36·6	37·4	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	15,543	...	2,521	1,063	1,290	1,178	143	22	12	4,505	2,071	2,772	901	112·5	72·7	
Chief Courts of Districts	57	...	5	1	10	2	...	...	...	19	10	10	1	119·4	62·6	
Total ...	1,14,507	..	22,093	10,941	19,172	19,143	925	42	22	23,200	8,080	10,953	1,294	69·4	40·3	
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Presidency Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,14,507	...	22,093	10,941	19,172	19,143	925	42	22	23,200	8,080	10,953	1,294	69·4	40·3	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9.—(Civil).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces in the year 1893.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES (JUDICIAL).

Class of Courts.	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	No. of cases pending more than 3 months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases contested and uncontested.	REMARKS.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.					
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.															
I.—CIVIL COURTS.															
Unpaid Tribunals	31	...	3	...	3	11	...	...	...	7	6	1	1	55·6	
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	7,579	...	2,073	218	693	686	235	4	5	1,972	1,139	554	13	28·4	
Small Cause Courts	436	...	139	7	12	76	41	2	...	102	48	9	...	21·4	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	2,606	...	606	72	219	209	140	2	...	611	452	295	41	39·0	
Chief Courts of Districts	121	..	29	1	14	24	20	...	2	13	13	5	...	18·7	
Total ...	10,773	...	2,850	298	941	1,006	436	8	7	2,705	1,658	864	55	30·5	
II.—REVENUE COURTS.															
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.															
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
GRAND TOTAL ..	10,773	...	2,850	298	941	1,006	436	8	7	2,705	1,658	864	55	30·5	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10.—(Civil).

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces in the year 1893.

PART I.—APPEALS.

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Decisions confirmed, under Section 551, Civil Procedure Code.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of those pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	REMARKS.
					Confirmed.	Modified	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																	
A.—CIVIL COURTS.																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District...	6,274	...	459	241	245	38	54	13	2,219	787	963	262	993	67	62·4	78	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	1,571	...	233	173	40	12	7	8	527	166	239	81	85	4	39·8	15	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province	513	...	5	9	5	4	2	2	225	86	45	17	113	5	149·3	27	
Total ..	8,358	...	697	423	290	54	63	23	2,971	1,039	1,247	360	1,191	76	62·6	120	
B.—REVENUE COURTS.																	
Collectors' Appellate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	
Commissioners' Appellate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	.	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
Total ..	...	..	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	..	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																	
Chief Court of Province. { Appeals from original decrees ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
Chief Court of Province. { Appeals from appellate do. ...	1,188	...	160	27	14	1	3	3	288	21	71	30	570	406	217·6	7	
Total ...	1,188	...	160	27	14	1	3	3	288	21	71	30	570	406	217·6	7	
GRAND TOTAL ...	9,546	...	857	450	304	55	66	26	3,259	1,060	1,318	390	1,761	482	73·6	127	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10.—(Civil).

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Apppellate Courts of the Central Provinces in the year 1893.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.—(Judicial.)

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Decision confirmed, Section 551, Civil Procedure Code.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of those pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	REMARKS.
					Rejected.	Modified	Decreed or granted	Remanded.	Rejected	Modified.	Decreed or granted	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																	
A.—CIVIL COURTS.																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District ..	512	...	66	28	43	...	15	14	109	10	63	100	64	6	58·0	...	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts ..	96	..	25	14	8	1	3	2	19	...	16	5	3	...	29·2	...	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province ..	38	.	3	3	1	...	.	...	19	...	7	3	2	...	80·4	...	
Total ...	646	.	94	45	52	1	18	16	147	10	86	108	69	6	54·8	...	
B.—REVENUE COURTS.																	
Collector's Appellate Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Commissioner's Appellate Courts ...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																	
Chief Court of Province ... Appeals from original decrees ...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..	...	
Chief Court of Province ... Appeals from appellate do. ..	84	..	...	3	13	...	..	...	20	...	4	1	43	27	193·6	1	
Total	84	...	...	3	13		.	...	20		4	1	43	27	193·6	1	
GRAND TOTAL ..	730	...	94	48	65	1	18	16	167	10	90	109	112	33	64·0	1	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 11.—(Civil).

Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Central Provinces, in the year 1893.

Class of Courts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	Applications disposed of.				Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realized.	Number of applications.												
		By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.				On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property.		On which immoveable property.			On which possession was given.		On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than as in the preceding columns.	Remarks.
											Was sold.	Was attached, but subsequently released.	Was sold.	Was dealt with under Sections 305, 322 or 326, Act XIV of 1882.	Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	Of moveables.	Of immoveables.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.								Rs													
I.—Civil Courts.																					
Unpaid Tribunals ...	175	8	25	43	59	40	5	4,569	...	...	1	6	4	8	13	3	10	...	...	1	
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	72,627	1,924	13,321	12,433	36,338	8,605	481	7,51,255	82	550	3,048	4,985	3,107	852	3,530	7	523	...	...	1	
Small Cause Courts ...	10,530	1,005	1,422	2,505	4,639	959	93	72,211	5	103	290	394	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	12,261	712	3,625	2,222	4,027	1,675	322	5.31 366	8	18	423	619	550	557	511	38	2,358	8	2	2	
Chief Courts of Districts ...	87	5	24	27	21	10	...	23,195	...	1	8	11	7	4	6	2	6	...	...	...	
Superior Courts ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	95,680	3,654	18,423	17,230	45,084	11,289	901	13,82,596	95	672	3,770	6,015	3,668	1,421	4,060	50	2,897	3	2	4	
II.—Revenue Courts.																					
Unpaid Local Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District Courts ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																					
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	
Grand Total ...	95,680	3,654	18,423	17,230	45,084	11 289	901	13,82,596	95	672	3,770	6,015	3,668	1,421	4,060	50	2,897	3	2	4	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 12.—(Civil).

Statement showing the number and result of applications and proceedings under Chapter XX, Act XIV of 1882, in the Central Provinces, in the year 1893.

Class of Courts	Applications for a declaration of Insolvency.								Number of insolvents discharged during the year under Section, 355.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year	Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.		Gross amounts of insolvency assets realized and disbursed.		Remarks.
	Total number of hearings.	Transferred to another Province, withdrawn, &c.	Granted.		Rejected			Pending at the close of the year.			Admitted	Satisfied	Realized during the year.	Disbursed during the year.	
			A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under Section 359, not being taken	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
											Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Courts other than Chief Courts of District ...	66	32	4	7	9	...	...	14	5	6	13,264	1,887	16,582	15,210	
Chief Courts of District ...	75	28	1	23	6	...	...	17	1	1	555	1,324	900	1,401	
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	141	60	5	30	15	...	...	31	6	7	13,819	3,711	17,482	16,611	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 13—(Civil and Criminal)

showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Civil and Criminal Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1893 is blank as a Civil Return.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS.

[Giving statistics of Civil Suits only, and showing totals for each District.]

STATEMENT

Statement showing the number and description of Suits instituted and reinstituted

Districts.	Suits for money or moveable property.	Suits under the Rent Law.						Title and		
		Arrears of rent with or without ejectment	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	For penalties or damages, or compensation for wrongful act on the part of landlord or tenant.	For ejectment or recovery of possession alone.	All other suits under Rent Law.	Total.	Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for specific relief.	Suits to establish a right of preemption.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Nagpur	14,775	1,418	15	...	24	...	1,457	712	121	...
Chanda	4,132	230	...	1	62	...	293	157	36	...
Bhandara	4,882	637	...	...	293	...	930	286	84	2
Wardha	6,775	889	...	...	48	2	939	243	77	26
Balaghat	2,156	203	...	...	170	...	373	137	10	...
Jubbulpore	4,099	640	2	2	308	16	968	361	27	...
Saugor	4,951	532	...	...	182	1	715	305	16	...
Damoh	2,378	278	...	8	123	1	410	220	8	...
Seoni	2,385	255	...	...	80	...	335	93	12	...
Mandla	1,121	55	20	...	29	3	117	44	1	...
Hoshangabad	6,327	1,040	...	...	110	28	1,178	431	57	2
Betul	2,008	255	...	...	29	1	285	136	56	...
Narsinghpur	2,821	1,186	1	...	111	1	1,299	335	30	...
Chhindwara	2,405	203	..	...	53	...	256	204	33	...
Nimar	5,670	214	...	...	70	...	284	119	50	...
Raipur	5,202	534	...	89	638	5	1,266	393	39	5
Sambalpur	2,604	175	...	...	188	...	363	456	138	...
Bilaspur	5,603	481	...	...	280	...	761	501	29	...
Judicial Assistant to Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto do Nagpur Division ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total 1893 ...	80,294	9,225	48	100	2,798	58	12,229	5,133	824	35
Total 1892 ...	79,798	9,342	35	4	2,740	12	12,133	5,500	739	70

Sta tement No. II.—Exhibition of above

	Rs.										
Not exceeding ...	10	16,583	1,905	15	30	978	11	2,939	1,049	101	...
Ditto ...	50	40,379	5,047	26	17	1,237	11	6,338	1,869	170	1
Ditto ...	100	12,794	1,393	3	6	286	7	1,695	767	73	9
Ditto ...	500	9,395	814	4	23	243	21	1,105	1,081	343	12
Ditto ...	1,000	704	43	...	13	41	2	99	173	34	3
Ditto ...	5,000	396	23	...	11	13	3	50	158	29	...
Ditto ..	10,000	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	1	...
Exceeding ...	10,000	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	3	...
Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated ..		...	...	...	...	...	3	3	3	70	10
Total ... 1893 ..		80,294	9,225	48	100	2,798	58	12,229	5,133	824	35
Total ... 1892 ..		79,798	9,342	35	4	2,740	12	12,133	5,500	739	70

No. I—(Civil).

in the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1893.

Others Suits.							Remarks.									
Mortgage suits.	Suits relating to religious and other endowments.	Matrimonial suits.	Testamentary suits.	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.	Grand Total.										
12	13	14	15	16	17	18										
1,338	..	6	...	8	2,185	18,417										
4	...	4	...	3	204	4,629										
116	1	...	...	6	495	6,307										
259	...	6	...	42	653	8,367										
56	2	22	...	4	231	2,760										
256	...	25	...	10	679	5,746										
219	...	7	...	13	560	6,226										
210	...	3	...	10	451	3,239										
150	...	9	...	...	264	2,984										
5	...	6	...	...	56	1,294										
247	...	3	...	16	756	8,261										
139	...	10	...	3	344	2,637										
625	...	12	...	15	1,017	5,137										
335	...	16	...	...	588	3,249										
244	...	37	...	...	450	6,404										
186	...	28	...	4	655	7,123										
77	...	12	...	4	687	3,654										
84	1	14	...	10	639	7,003	Number of suits instituted in different Courts.									
...	...	...	...	1	1	1										
...	...	...	...	...	...	...										
4,550	4	220	..	149	10,915	103,438										
2,833	1	245	1	178	9,567	101,498	Small Cause Courts.	Naib-Tahsildars' Courts.	Tahsildars' Courts.	Honorary Munsiffs' Courts.	Honorary Assistant Commissioners' Courts.	Assistant Commissioners' Courts.	Civil Judges' Courts.	Deputy Commissioners' Courts.	Judicial Assistants' Courts	Total value of suits as compared under the Court Fees Act.
Grand Total in detail of values.							19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
																Rs.
117	...	...	...	2	1,269	20,791	2,914	10,264	6,176	...	...	1,414	23	...	...	1,26,352
1,417	2	..	...	8	3,467	50,184	4,908	20,711	21,823	...	...	2,639	98	1	1	12,30,273
990	...	8	...	9	1,851	16,340	1,362	...	13,402	...	...	1,545	31	...	...	11,71,833
1,417	...	205	...	55	3,113	13,613	1,149	...	7,747	...	...	4,546	170	1	...	27,50,302
270	...	6	...	11	497	1,300	77	...	...	...	...	1,052	171	...	...	8,96,011
290	2	1	...	18	498	944	...	...	...	...	...	444	467	33	...	17,09,022
36	...	...	...	2	49	75	...	...	...	...	...	10	58	7	...	5,74,133
13	...	...	...	1	40	57	...	...	...	...	..	6	49	2	...	16,60,447
...	...	5	...	43	131	134	...	...	...	...	...	123	11	...	...	.....
4,550	4	220	...	149	10,915	103,438	10,410	30,975	49,151	...	...	11,779	1,078	44	1	1,01,63,373
2,833	1	245	1	178	9,567	101,498	11,218	30,303	46,403	...	261	13,236		69	8	1,07,93,661

STATEMENT

Statement Showing the result of the trial of Original suits

Districts.	For disposal.					Disposed			
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Reinstituted during the year (Sections 99, 108, 562 and 623, Act XIV of 1882).	Received by transfer from other Provinces during the year.	Instituted during the year (Section 58, Act XIV of 1882).	Total.	Transferred to other Provinces.	Plaint rejected or returned after institution.	Dismissed for default, (Sections 98 and 102, Act XIV of 1882). Number.	Dismissed for default, (Sections 98 and 102, Act XIV of 1882). Percentage of total disposed of
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nagpur	2,008	214	...	18,203	20,425	...	165	2,414	13·3
Chanda	535	127	...	4,502	5,164	...	35	1,076	22·9
Bhandara	922	163	...	6,144	7,229	...	18	1,167	18·1
Wardha	1,032	190	...	8,177	9,399	...	98	1,373	15·1
Balaghat	366	46	...	2,714	3,126	...	38	507	17.9
Jubbulpore	548	140	...	5,606	6,294	...	69	1,088	18·8
Saugor	852	134	...	6,092	7,078	...	59	1,232	18·9
Damoh	155	89	...	3,150	3,394	...	31	418	13·0
Seoni	291	41	...	2,943	3,275	...	27	467	15·4
Mandla	112	50	...	1,244	1,406	...	13	292	22·3
Hoshangabad	618	151	...	8,110	8,879	...	65	1,260	15·5
Betul	188	60	...	2,577	2,825	...	17	490	18·5
Narsinghpur	429	122	...	5,015	5,566	...	37	888	16·9
Chhindwara	274	63	...	3,186	3,523	...	23	656	21·0
Nimar	485	91	...	6,313	6,889	...	40	1,586	25·2
Raipur	1,161	202	...	6,921	8,284	...	122	2,365	32·2
Sambalpur	440	93	...	3,561	4,094	...	30	1,096	30·9
Bilaspur	649	90	...	6,913	7,652	...	52	2,137	31·5
Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
Ditto do. Nagpur Division	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Total... 1893 ...	11,069	2,066	...	101,372	114,507	...	939	20,512	19·8
Total... 1892 ...	10,391	2,292	...	99,206	111,889	1	899	19,333	19·1

No. III.

in the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1893.

or.

Withdrawn with leave (Section 373, Act XIV of 1882).	Compromised.		Decreed on confession (in full of claim).		Decided *ex-parte*.				
						Dismissed *ex-parte*.		Total.	
	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Decreed.	Number.	Percentage of total *ex-parte*.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
180	1,885	10·4	4,066	22·4	5,104	168	3·2	5,272	29·1
29	395	8·4	924	19·7	964	43	4·3	1,007	21·4
31	585	9·1	1,310	20·5	1,591	46	2·8	1,637	25·4
42	882	10·4	1,569	18·6	1,920	30	1·5	1,950	23·1
15	165	5·9	518	18·3	502	33	6·1	535	18·9
52	678	11·7	1,046	18·1	574	42	6·8	616	10·7
21	1,009	15·5	1,242	19·1	758	39	4·9	797	12·2
5	608	18·9	581	18·1	420	37	8·1	457	14·2
19	376	12·4	692	22·9	465	30	6·1	495	16·3
22	227	17·4	180	13·8	164	39	19·2	203	15·5
61	817	10·0	1,540	18·9	1,647	58	3·4	1,705	20·9
11	234	8·8	573	21·6	361	13	3·5	374	14·1
18	462	8·8	869	16·5	1,041	22	2·1	1,063	20·2
10	250	8·0	712	22·8	517	25	47·9	542	17·3
29	511	8·1	1,232	19·6	1,389	39	2·7	1,428	22·7
26	678	9·2	939	12·8	867	164	15·7	1,031	14·1
30	270	7·6	295	8·3	254	31	10·9	285	8·0
41	909	13·4	884	13·0	605	66	9·8	671	9·9
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
642	10,941	10·5	19,172	18·5	19,143	925	4·6	20,068	19·3
597	9,871	9·8	19,097	18·9	19,399	1,018	5·0	20,417	20·3

STATEMENT

Districts.	Disposed of—(Contd.)									Pending.	
	Contested and disposed of by—								Total.	Total.	Over four months.
	Judgment for plaintiff.				Judgment for defendant.		Total.				
	In whole of claim.		In part of claim.								
	Number.	Percentage of total contested.	Number.	Percentage of total contested.	Number.	Percentage of total contested.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.			
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Nagpur ...	2,179	52·4	1,092	26·2	893	21·4	4,164	22·9	18,146	2,279	418
Chanda ...	551	44·8	353	28·7	327	26·5	1,231	26·2	4,697	467	18
Bhandara ...	889	52·2	440	25 9	372	21·9	1,701	26·4	6,449	780	36
Wardha .	1,150	45·4	918	36·2	465	18·4	2,533	29·9	8,447	952	57
Balaghat ...	442	42·3	218	20·9	385	36·8	1,045	37·0	2,823	303	1
Jubbulpore ...	950	42·7	673	30·3	601	27·0	2,224	38·5	5,773	521	77
Saugor ...	1,087	50·5	511	23·7	556	25·8	2,154	33·0	6,514	564	14
Damoh ...	589	52·7	251	22·5	277	24·8	1,117	34·7	3,217	177	1
Seoni ...	374	39·3	309	32·6	267	28·1	950	31·4	3,026	249	1
Mandla ...	141	38·2	86	23·3	142	38·5	369	31·4	1,306	100	...
Hoshangabad ..	1,564	57·9	614	22·7	524	19·4	2,702	33·2	8,150	729	58
Betul ...	423	44·6	260	28·4	266	28·0	949	35·8	2,648	177	1
Narsinghpur ...	1,128	58·6	404	21·0	392	20·4	1,924	36·6	5,261	305	3
Chhindwara ...	477	51·1	205	22·0	251	26·9	933	29·8	3,126	397	25
Nimar ...	770	52·6	381	26·1	312	21·3	1,463	23·3	6,289	600	9
Raipur ...	904	41·5	511	23·5	763	35·0	2,178	29·8	7,339	945	34
Sambalpur ...	456	29·6	517	33·5	569	36·9	1,542	43·5	3,548	546	12
Bilaspur ...	840	40 1	543	25·9	714	34·1	2,097	30·9	6,791	861	23
Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	1
Ditto. do. Nagpur Division ...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	3	...	...
Total ... 1893 ...	14,914	47·6	8,286	26·5	8,080	25·9	31,280	30·3	103,554	10,953	789
Total ... 1892 ...	14,546	47·5	7,986	26·1	8,072	26·4	30,604	30·4	100,819	11,070	445

No. III.—(Concld.)

Average.				Number of suits disposed of.									
Durations of suits in days and tenths.		Number of hearings in suits disposed of.						In which reference was made to arbitrators.					Remarks.
Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Instituted in *forma pauperis* (Section 410, Act XIV of 1882).	In which commission issued for local investigation (Section 392, Act XIV of 1882).	In which commission issued to investigate or adjust accounts (Section 394, Act XIV of 1882).	In which commission issued to make a partition (Section 396, Act XIV of 1882).	Found for plaintiff.	Found for defendant.	In which any matter was decided on oath of party or witness.	Cases in which the Court has directed that the costs or any part of the costs of a winning plaintiff shall not follow the event (Section 220, para. 2, Act XIV of 1882).	In which payment by instalments was decreed (Section 210, Act XIV of 1882).	
32	33	34		35	36	37	38	39		40	41	42	43
74·4	39·2	2·5	1·1	2	29	2	...	3	4	67	40	114	
69·5	42·5	3·1	1·8	...	3	2	...	...	...	6	...	72	
74·0	34·1	3·4	1·3	1	26	...	...	1	...	34	5	79	
81·4	49·5	3.8	2·3	3	18	2	2	6	...	22	8	132	
85·9	52·5	3·0	1·5	...	4	...	...	...	...	5	2	10	
60·4	34·1	3·1	1·7	...	10	3	...	2	...	20	16	91	
81·4	45·2	3·6	1·6	10	17	3	...	7	4	14	2	122	
50·8	25·2	2·8	1·0	2	6	...	...	...	...	7	3	29	
54·3	36·1	2·9	1·6	1	10	...	...	...	...	8	19	28	
60·1	42·0	3·3	2·2	...	13	...	...	1	...	4	10	25	
65·4	36·5	2·8	1·4	...	13	1	...	3	1	20	7	194	
52·0	28·8	3·1	1·7	...	15	1	...	5	2	27	32	114	
52·0	33·9	2·8	1·6	...	11	...	...	4	9	12	23	58	
55·8	33·7	3·2	1·6	3	17	1	...	...	...	10	4	68	
51·2	29·0	3·6	1·6	...	5	1	...	...	...	26	3	113	
84·3	50·3	3·2	1·8	...	8	1	...	1	...	16	8	102	
82·7	50·0	3·7	1·8	...	4	3	...	4	2	15	3	44	
71·0	41·6	3·4	1·8	2	8	2	...	5	...	10	15	68	
...	...	2·0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
23·2	...	3·0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
69·4	40·3	3·1	1·6	24	217	22	2	42	22	323	200	1,463	
65·7	38·2	3·5	1·8	27	285	67	1	46	10	293	237	1,619	

STATEMENT No. IV.

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1893.

PART II.—Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial).

Districts.	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more that four months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces	Without trial.	Without contest				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.						
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part	Judgment for defendant			Contested.	Uncontested.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nagpur ..	1,777	...	341	52	250	195	105	...	...	386	265	183	6	43·9	23·7	
Chanda ...	651	...	128	9	90	97	32	...	...	153	101	41	...	36·7	23·8	
Bhandara ...	1,110	...	262	34	127	180	33	..	...	243	93	138	20	44·1	31·5	
Wardha ...	1,093	...	266	31	88	87	41	...	...	278	198	104	...	43·8	28·7	
Balaghat ...	210	...	28	1	14	27	9	...	...	37	40	54	..	41·5	21·2	
Jubbulpore ...	464	...	96	47	9	19	9	2	...	149	108	25	1	34·4	24·5	
Saugor ...	763	...	242	10	57	38	12	...	...	255	107	42	...	37·5	24·0	
Damoh ...	304	...	78	5	17	36	19	...	...	84	41	24	...	30·4	33·5	
Seoni ...	382	...	119	20	14	19	22	...	...	116	59	13	...	39·1	24·3	
Mandla ...	75	...	26	...	6	21	5	...	...	11	6	...	...	34·4	21·2	
Hoshangabad ...	898	...	205	18	45	26	29	...	...	317	219	39	...	26·3	24·3	
Betul ..	396	...	112	9	22	35	25	...	1	90	63	39	...	27·8	19·3	
Narsinghpur ..	671	...	160	15	76	66	24	3	6	181	111	29	...	27·8	18·8	
Chhindwara ...	359	...	101	10	27	28	16	2	...	84	44	47	...	26 7	14·5	
Nimar ...	612	...	186	18	52	44	15	1	...	176	97	23	...	28·5	20·7	
Raipur ...	391	...	205	8	32	41	23	...	...	52	30	...	...	48·3	30·7	
Sambalpur ...	288	...	146	2	6	22	5	...	...	35	38	34	...	47·6	44·9	
Bilaspur ..	329	...	149	9	9	25	12	...	...	58	38	29	...	52·6	26·7	
Total ... 1893...	10,773	...	2,850	298	941	1,006	436	8	7	2,705	1,658	864	27	36·8	25·6	
Total ... 1892...	10,379	2	2,936	227	926	1,095	445	34	22	2,406	1,521	765	3	37·5	27·5	

STATEMENT No. V.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1893.

PART I.—Appeals from Decrees.

Courts.	For disposal.				Disposed of.												Pending.		Number of cases in which objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882, were.		Average duration of each appeal tried.
								Heard *ex parte*.				Contested.									
										Reversed.				Reversed.							
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Received by transfer from other Provinces.	Instituted or readmitted.	Total (columns 17 *plus* 18).	Transferred to other Provinces.	Decisions confirmed under Section 551, Act XIV of 1882.	Dismissed for default or under Sections 556, 557, Act XIV of 1882.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Total.	Total.	Over four months.	Preferred.	Allowed (because successfully maintained).	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Judicial Commissioner's Court ..	398	...	790	1,188	...	160	27	14	1	3	3	288	21	71	30	618	570	347	7	...	217·6
Commissioner, Nagpur Division ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto Chhattisgarh „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto Jubbulpore „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto Nerbudda „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total in Courts of Commissioners...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judicial Assistant to Commissioners.																					
Nagpur Division ...	29	...	86	115	...	3	2	1	...	...	...	52	24	10	3	95	20	...	10	...	121·8
Ditto Chhattisgarh „ ..	19	...	36	55	...	...	1	2	...	1	1	17	7	9	2	40	15	1	3	...	158·2
Ditto Jubbulpore „ ..	48	...	94	142	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	79	18	13	6	119	23	3	...	...	178·5
Ditto Nerbudda „ ...	54	...	147	201	...	1	6	2	3	...	1	77	37	13	6	146	55	1	13	1	140·9
Total in Courts of Judicial Assistants to Commissioners ...	150	...	363	513	...	5	9	5	4	2	2	225	86	45	17	400	113	5	26	1	149·3

STATEMENT No. V.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1893.

PART II.—Appeals from Decrees.

Districts.	For disposal				Disposed of.												Pending		Number of cases in which objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882 were—		Average duration of each appeal tried.	Remarks.
								Heard *ex parte*.				Contested.										
										Reversed.				Reversed.								
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Received by transfer from other Provinces.	Instituted or re-admitted.	Total col. 17 *plus* 18.	Transferred to other Provinces.	Decisions confirmed under Section 551, Act XIV of 1882.	Dismissed for default or under Sections 556 and 557, Act XIV of 1882.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Confirmed	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Total.	Total.	Over four months.	Preferred.	Allowed (because successfully maintained).		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Nagpur ...	258	...	471	729	...	45	21	21	4	2	1	306	78	102	22	602	127	17	10	4	122·9	
Chanda ...	33	...	276	309	...	73	20	2	1	1	...	70	86	18	5	276	33	...	3	...	41·4	
Bhandara ...	68	...	342	410	...	36	32	2	...	2	...	160	63	82	7	384	26	1	4	2	54·0	
Wardha ...	176	...	516	692	...	24	29	4	1	...	1	237	95	105	34	530	162	5	22	3	118·7	
Balaghat ...	13	...	248	261	...	40	21	2	...	...	...	99	15	47	21	245	16	...	...	...	31·7	
Jubbulpore ..	82	...	316	398	...	1	10	9	...	1	...	187	42	85	30	365	33	2	1	...	58·8	
Saugor ...	85	...	421	506	...	55	15	5	...	2	...	214	79	77	32	479	27	...	7	2	46·2	
Damoh ...	22	...	248	270	...	30	6	2	1	2	...	104	17	35	16	213	57	1	...	...	56·4	
Seoni ..	36	...	230	266	...	30	18	5	1	2	...	82	43	51	12	246	20	...	...	...	52·6	
Mandla ...	2	...	78	80	...	27	2	1	...	...	...	9	13	18	7	77	3	...	...	...	20·9	
Hoshangabad ..	167	...	714	881	...	42	14	6	5	3	4	393	152	179	22	820	61	...	9	3	51·7	
Betul ..	15	...	195	210	...	12	34	...	...	1	...	98	18	23	12	198	12	...	1	1	25·2	
Narsinghpur ..	42	...	412	454	...	38	28	12	1	12	3	164	46	103	22	429	25	...	9	5	35·8	
Chhindwara ...	32	...	259	291	...	36	69	1	...	...	2	35	40	53	25	261	30	2	1	1	42·9	
Nimar ...	49	...	316	365	...	51	11	23	2	...	2	110	69	58	10	336	29	...	...	...	42·5	
Raipur ...	73	...	704	777	...	99	49	18	5	2	1	215	30	73	53	545	232	...	...	...	35·7	
Sambalpur ...	40	...	346	386	...	42	17	169	29	29	5	28	25	14	5	363	23	...	3	2	43·2	
Bilaspur ...	41	...	519	560	...	11	18	3	...	2	2	235	40	79	8	398	162	2	...	...	45·9	
Total for 1893. Districts ...	1,234	...	6,611	7,845	...	698	414	285	50	61	21	2,746	953	1,202	343	6,767	1,078	30	70	23	57·4	
Total for 1893. All Courts..	1,782	...	7,764	9,546	...	857	450	304	55	66	26	3,259	1,060	1,318	390	7,785	1,761	382	103	24	73·6	
Total for 1892. Districts ...	984	...	6,555	7,539	...	679	460	130	35	55	28	2,679	844	1,095	277	6,282	1,257	163	56	10	63·2	
Total for 1892. All Courts.	1,426	...	7,645	9,071	...	798	513	150	38	59	33	3,160	946	1,227	313	7,267	1,804	335	71	11	76·6	

STATEMENT No. VI.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1893.

PART I.—Miscellaneous Appeals (Judicial).

Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Court.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Decisions confirmed under Section 551, Act XIV of 1882.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*				Contested.				Pending.	Of these pending more than four months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objection under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	Remarks.
					Rejected.	Modified.	Decreed or granted.	Remanded	Rejected.	Modified	Decreed or granted.	Remanded					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Judicial Commissioner's Court ...	84	...	...	3	13	...	...	...	20	...	4	1	43	19	193·6	1	
Commissioner, Nagpur Division..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto. Chhattisgarh ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto. Jubbulpore ,, ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto. Nerbudda ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total in Courts of Commissioners ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Judicial Assistant to Commissioner, Nagpur Division ...	11	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	6	...	2	...	...	...	40·1	...	
Ditto. Chhattisgarh ,, ...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	80·0	...	
Ditto. Jubbulpore ,, ...	14	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	6	...	4	1	1	...	95·0	...	
Ditto. Nerbudda ,, ...	11	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	1	2	1	...	105·1	...	
Total in Courts of Judicial Assistants to Commissioners	38	...	3	3	1	...	...	...	19	...	7	3	2	...	80·4	...	

STATEMENT No. VI.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1893.

PART II.—Miscellaneous Appeals (Judicial.)

Districts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Decisions confirmed under Section 551, Act XIV of 1882.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of these pending more than four months.	Average duration of appeals	Objection under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	REMARKS.
					Rejected.	Modified.	Decreed or granted.	Remanded.	Rejected.	Modified.	Decreed or granted.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Nagpur	79	...	4	8	8	...	4	2	19	1	6	9	18	1	114·3	...	
Chanda	6	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	66·3	...	
Bhandara	37	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	6	...	11	15	2	...	40·9	...	
Wardha	94	...	...	4	8	...	4	8	18	3	14	16	19	1	92·1	...	
Balaghat	17	...	3	2	...	...	...	1	9	...	2	...	...	...	24·7	...	
Jubbulpore	23	...	8	1	...	...	...	...	7	...	4	3	...	...	47·6	...	
Saugor	30	...	2	3	4	...	...	1	7	1	5	7	...	...	43·6	...	
Damoh	24	...	5	2	...	...	2	...	...	1	5	3	6	1	42·6	...	
Seoni	8	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	69·6	...	
Mandla	10	...	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	8·5	...	
Hoshangabad	74	...	4	3	7	...	...	1	31	4	7	13	4	...	45·7	...	
Betul	11	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	4	...	1	...	21·4	...	
Narsinghpur	26	...	4	4	3	...	3	...	2	...	2	7	1	...	24·9	...	
Chhindwara	34	...	8	4	6	...	1	1	4	...	6	4	...	...	34·2	...	
Nimar	37	...	14	3	4	...	1	...	6	...	5	4	...	...	30·6	...	
Raipur	72	...	27	...	2	...	...	...	10	...	1	18	14	...	32·3	...	
Sambalpur	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13·3	...	
Bilaspur	23	...	1	1	5	...	2	2	5	...	2	4	1	...	36·3	...	
Total for 1893... Districts ...	608	...	91	42	51	1	18	16	128	10	79	105	67	3	53·1	...	
Total for 1893... All Courts ...	730	...	94	48	65	1	18	16	167	10	90	109	112	22	64·0	1	
Total for 1892... Districts ...	507	...	43	39	67	6	6	17	109	17	65	48	90	10	49·6	...	
Total for 1892... All Courts ...	631	...	46	44	86	6	7	17	156	17	80	56	116	15	64·2	...	

STATEMENT No. VII.

Showing the results on applications for execution of the decrees of the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1893.

Districts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	Applications disposed of. By transfer. To Civil Courts.	By transfer. To Collectors.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Dismissed for default, or withdrawn.	Otherwise infructuous.	Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than four months at the close of the year.	Amount realized	Number of applications. On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property. Was sold.	On which moveable property. Was attached, but subsequently released.	On which immoveable property. Was sold.	Was dealt with under. Section 305, Act XIV of 1882	Was dealt with under. Section 320, Act XIV of 1882.	Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	On which possession was given. Of moveables.	Of immoveables.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than as in the preceding columns.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Nagpur ...	20,700	1,167	150	3,163	3,993	5,196	4,743	2,288	165	2,36,362	12	126	532	432	843	...	150	627	2	288	.	...	...	
Chanda ..	4,471	101	72	784	684	827	1,420	583	14	23,410	5	22	318	358	131	...	72	253	3	68	...	...	...	
Bhandara ...	8,494	215	166	1,396	1,191	1,053	3,206	1,327	49	89,761	...	8	309	522	323	...	106	390	7	148	...	...	...	
Wardha ..	8,790	211	147	1,739	1,020	2,041	2,606	1,026	51	83,688	9	91	310	328	303	...	147	565	5	227	...	...		2
Balaghat ...	3,189	34	50	565	368	1,065	571	536	5	46,514	...	13	119	272	57	..	50	88	4	107	1	...	...	
Jubbulpore ...	4,633	128	42	1,032	1,125	749	1,172	385	30	87,889	2	37	161	311	165	11	17	170	2	250	...	.	...	
Saugor ..	4,814	84	99	1,053	1,045	1,011	1,046	476	9	98,468	3	4	214	491	210	...	99	97	...	201	...		...	
Damoh ..	2,152	39	37	544	613	480	265	174	5	34,647	2	14	102	124	69	8	37	64	1	120	...	...	...	
Seoni ..	2,685	50	39	567	738	657	348	286	...	40,134	22	65	284	300	103	...	...	128	...	42	...	.	...	
Mandla ...	511	10	14	130	97	119	90	51	1	6,248	2	14	18	26	17	5	14	17	2	20	...	..	...	
Hoshangabad ...	8,384	85	247	1,814	1,804	1,593	2,065	776	42	2,07,263	13	81	350	1,027	387	...	247	787	6	282	...	...	...	
Betul ...	2,216	24	62	467	365	536	529	233	2	38,470	1	5	119	288	120	24	62	168	3	91	...	...	...	
Narsinghpur ...	6,083	5	198	959	1,455	2,267	768	431	4	93,752	1	18	965	617	412	2	198	165	...	291	...	.	...	
Chhindwara ...	3,059	5	48	521	641	709	666	469	6	52,889	1	5	181	165	249	...	48	146	2	110	1	.	...	
Nimar ...	5,967	30	58	1,280	952	2,262	764	621	3	98,249	11	52	134	272	182	30	58	203	5	97	1	...		1
Raipur ..	4,737	51	27	1,013	542	1,165	1,080	859	17	68,605	4	74	186	250	56	...	27	96	4	246	...	...	...	
Sambalpur ...	1,727	...	3	558	203	481	205	277	5	25,715	5	13	70	112	26	..	3	38	3	160	...	2	...	
Bilaspur ..	3,068	10	6	838	394	808	521	491	12	50,537	2	30	98	120	15	...	6	58	1	149	...	...		1
Total. 1893...	95,680	2,249	1,405	18,423	17,230	23,019	22,065	11,289	420	13,82,596	95	672	3,770	6,015	3,668	80	1,341	4,060	50	2,897	3	2		4
Total. 1892...	90,930	1,757	1,278	17,496	15,989	19,686	23,783	10,941	326	13,10,715	96	603	3,782	5,774	3,229	68	1,080	4,347	129	2,564	7	...		22

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Showing (1) the fees levied for, and (2) the charges incurred in, the service and execution of

Districts.	(1)—Fees levied. In separate detail for each Court. On processes issued. At Re 1 rate.	At As. 12 rate.	At As 8 rate.	At As. 4 rate.	Additional Fees. Under note to Article 2.	Under note to Article 6.	Poundage on full amount of purchase money.	Grand total of fees levied (Columns 2 to 8).
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Rs.	Rs. a.	Rs. a	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.
Nagpur ...	16,611	1,449 12	71 0	24,573 4	460 2	2,650 5	1,066 15	46,882 6
Chanda ...	3,635	722 4	16 0	6,027 12	...	541 4	162 13	11,105 1
Bhandara ...	6,529	1,026 0	29 0	8,538 0	...	702 12	464 12	17,289 8
Wardha ...	6,959	1,050 8	51 8	12,416 8	1,988 4	654 12	536 7	23,656 15
Balaghat ...	2,460	384 12	6 8	3,831 0	213 4	...	151 6	7,046 14
Jubbulpore ...	4,047	504 8	33 0	3,814 0	392 4	690 0	427 15	14,408 11
Saugor ...	3,842	297 8	75 8	5,656 12	247 14	484 6	222 10	10,826 10
Damoh ...	1,023	281 4	10 8	3,591 12	...	160 8	124 8	6,091 8
Seoni ...	2,300	450 0	3 8	3,621 0	...	...	209 2	6,583 10
Mandla ...	464	65 4	...	1,112 8	25 8	...	49 15	1,717 3
Hoshangabad ...	8,265	1,654 8	50 8	11,861 8	...	1,454 4	1,068 1	24,353 13
Betul ...	2,094	514 8	6 8	3,327 4	33 4	67 0	161 14	6,204 6
Narsinghpur ...	6,032	1,069 8	7 0	9,691 12	392 4	92 0	1,238 5	18,522 13
Chhindwara ...	2,860	571 8	19 0	4,394 0	389 8	17 0	290 8	8,541 8
Nimar .	4,514	571 8	6 8	6,796 0	...	181 12	396 6	12,466 2
Raipur ..	3,451	393 12	21 0	7,811 8	...	...	336 6	12,013 10
Sambalpur ...	1,600	56 4	32 8	3,651 12	11 4	...	36 8	5,388 4
Bilaspur ...	2,615	86 4	21 8	6,456 4	47 0	...	51 12	9,277 12
Judicial Assistant to Commr., Chhattisgarh Dn ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto Commissioner, Nerbudda Dn. ...	...	...	...	71 4	...	...	...	71 4
Total ...	80,201	11,149 8	461 0	1,31,743 12	4,200 8	7,695 15	6,996 3	2,42,447 14

No. VIII.

processes issued out of the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1893.

(2)—CHARGES.

In separate detail for each Court or set of Courts having a joint establishment.											Collectively for the District.			
Naib-Nazirs and sale Amins.		Salary of European bailiff.	Peons.								Contingencies.		Grand Total of all charges (Columns 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22).	(1) Number of processes reissued without charges (Rule 11).
			1st Grade at Rs. 10.		2nd Grade at Rs. 9.		3rd Grade at Rs. 8.		4th Grade at Rs. 7.					
Class and period for which employed.	Total salary.		Number on last day.	Total salary.	Number on last day.	Total salary	Number on last day.	Total salary	Number on last day.	Total salary.	Heads of charges.	Charges under each head.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
No.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rs.	No.	Rs.	No.	Rs.	No.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	No.
11	3,030	720	13	1,547	30	1,665	52	3,302	28	6,969	Process forms, registers, other stationery, office contingencies, &c., &c.	322	17,555	455
3	1,169	...	2	168	8	357	14	775	16	2,188		89	4,746	217
7	1,319	...	4	409	10	450	20	1,068	9	459		195	3,900	98
8	1,518	...	5	576	11	987	19	1,381	18	4,106		456	9,024	108
2	411	...	2	176	5	266	9	494	4	1,250		218	2,815	138
4	755	710	4	478	10	315	17	808	19	3,443		258	6,767	...
5	1,020	...	...	...	6	324	10	624	6	1,879		447	4,294	353
4	738	...	2	387	6	305	10	558	7	1,416		8	3,412	169
3	390	...	2	275	4	207	8	437	9	1,293		...	2,602	33
1	180	...	1	120	4	204	7	442	3	774		9	1,729	29
9	2,068	...	5	687	13	1,032	24	1,821	10	3,060		217	8,885	1,085
4	783	...	2	331	7	374	12	1,127	5	242		125	2,982	17
5	1,085	...	4	467	10	811	20	2,458	12	532		187	5,540	...
4	840	..	2	360	7	500	12	1,614	5	470		1	3,785	64
4	840	...	3	536	8	432	13	671	6	252		110	2,841	69
5	960	...	5	410	8	408	12	696	21	2,185		...	2,761	1,810
2	420	...	2	239	5	471	10	871	4	390		...	2,391	1,024
3	528	...	2	223	4	243	10	787	19	1,612		86	3,479	43
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
84	18,054	1,430	60	7,389	156	9,351	279	19,934	201	32,520	...	2,728	91,406	5,712

STATEMENT No. IX.

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX, Act XIV of 1882, in the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1893.

PART I.—Showing the number and result of applications under Section 344, and the number of insolvents before the Court.

Districts.	Applications for a declaration of insolvency. Number of applications dealt with. Pending at the close of the previous year.	Filed during the year. By judgment debtors. Under arrest or imprisonment.	Not under arrest or imprisonment.	By decree-holders.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Applications disposed of. Transferred.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	Granted. A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Rejected. Penal proceedings under Section 359 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.	Total.	Persons declared to be insolvents. Pending at the close of the year.	Number of insolvents before the Court. Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Declared to be insolvents during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total	Disposed of. Transferred.	Died.	Discharged. Under Section 351.	Under Section 355.	Remaining at the close of the year.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Nagpur ...	12	...	46	...	...	58	...	17	...	20	6	...	...	43	15	...	20	...	20	...	...	20	...	...	
Chanda ...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	
Bhandara ...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	
Wardha ...	...	7	5	...	...	12	...	6	...	3	...	...	...	9	3	...	3	...	3	...	...	3	..	3	
Balaghat ...	...	3	...	...	..	3	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	
Jubbulpore ...	2	...	5	...	...	7	...	1	3	...	2	...	...	6	1	2	3	...	6	...	..	1	4	...	
Saugor ...	...	1	2	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Damoh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Seoni ...	3	6	4	...	...	13	...	10	...	1	...	...	...	11	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	..	..	
Mandla ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hoshangabad ...	...	3	6	...	...	9	...	4	1	1	1	...	...	7	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	
Betul ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Narsinghpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Chhindwara ...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	..	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	
Nimar ...	3	1	6	...	...	10	...	6	...	1	3	...	...	10	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	..	...	
Raipur ...	...	3	3	...	...	6	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	
Sambalpur ...	1	...	...	7	...	8	...	6	...	1	1	...	...	8	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	
Bilaspur ...	1	2	5	...	...	8	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ... 1893	22	26	86	7	...	141	...	60	5	30	15	...	...	110	31	2	35	...	38	...	...	29	6	3	
Total ... 1892	37	68	50	...	1	156	2	40	18	39	24	...	...	123	33	14	60	...	74	...	...	44	20	9	

STATEMENT No. IX.—(Concld.)

PART II.—Showing the number of Estates in the hands of receivers and the progress made in winding up.

Districts.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers.				Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.					Amount of insolvents' assets realized and outstanding.				Remarks.
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Placed in charge of a receiver during the year.	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the previous year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Amount of realized assets in the hands of receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realized during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hand of receivers at the close of the year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	No.	No.	No.	No.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Nagpur ...	7	...	1	6	19,600	...	...	1,324	18,276	973	888	1,389	472	
Chanda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Bhandara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wardha ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Balaghat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Jubbulpore ...	3	...	3	...	4,754	8,798	...	684	12,869	230	766	723	273	
Saugor ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Damoh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Seoni ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Mandla ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hoshangabad ...	11	1	3	9	26,269	4,466	3,509	703	26,523	126	603	703	26	
Betul ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Narsinghpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Chhindwara ...	...	1	...	1	...	555	...	...	555	...	12	12	...	
Nimar ...	7	...	...	7	26,132	...	...	...	26,132	41	...	...	41	
Raipur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sambalpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Bilaspur ...	1	...	...	1	8,780	...	...	...	8,780	2,263	15,213	13,784	3,692	
Total ... 1893 ...	29	2	7	24	85,535	13,819	3,509	2,711	93,135	3,633	17,482	16,611	4,504	
Total ... 1892 ...	14	17	7	24	1,75,256	20,780	6,354	8,264	1,80,381	6,448	20,420	24,100	2,768	